Stepping up Safety Awareness in SWANA
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Things we will cover

• Solid waste industry statistics
• Safety failures
• What SWANA is doing
• Getting the message across
• What we hope to take away
• Questions
Why the need to step up safety?

- 5th most dangerous industry in the United States
- 184 workers per 10,000 had days away from work per year
- United States industries median average is 106 per year
- 90 third party Fatalities every year
- 10,000 reported injuries per year
The collection side has 46% of the workforce but count for 75% of the incidents.

Waste Collection Vehicles Involved in Tragic Accidents
Sometimes it makes international headlines

Florida Truck Falls off I-95
Helper on the back of the truck
Materials Recovery make up 25% of the industries workforce but account for 36% of the Fatalities
ADT Roll Over
Had a man killed in New York in February on a tipper
What has SWANA done??
Chapter Safety Ambassador

What do they do:

• Primary Safety contact for SWANA HQ and a conduit to members for SWANA safety initiatives, accidents, and upcoming events.
• Primary resource for chapter members with safety questions.
• Educate members on SWANA safety resources.
• Provide guidance to HQ and the safety committee for development of the future SWANA safety resources.
New Webpage
www.swana.org/safety
What's on the site.

Safety Quick Links

- 2015 Municipal Incident Reporting Survey
- 5 to Stay Alive: Safety Tips & Resources
- ANSI Z245 Standards for Waste & Recycling
- Backing Best Practices
- Chapter Safety Ambassador Program
- Solid Waste Safety LinkedIn Group
- Safety News
- Safety Monday eNewsletter
- Slow Down To Get Around Sticker Distribution
- Safety Events and Webinars
- Safety Stand Down Awareness Week
- WASTECON Safety Summit
- SWANA Safety Awards
- #SWANASafety

Additional Resources

- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA, USA)
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS, Canada)
- Road Safety at Work
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- BLS Safety Data (USA)
- New Jersey Occupational Health Surveillance Unit
- Trash It Safely - Family Safety and Health, Spring 2010
- 2015 Traffic Safety Culture Index
- Distracted Driving Laws
- Operation Life Saver: Safety Tips and Facts
Safety initiatives

Five to Stay Alive

Safety Tips for Waste Collection Employees

Solid waste collection is the 5th most dangerous job in the United States.

1. Always wear PPE, especially high visibility vests and/or outerwear
2. Never use your cell phone or text while driving the truck or at a disposal facility
3. Don’t ride on the step if the truck is BACKING or going forward more than 10 mph or 1/5th mile
4. Always comply with safety belt rules
5. Don’t exceed the speed limit and don’t rush

SWANA wants you to go home to your family every day, safely. In addition to these five important tips, be sure to follow your employers’ safety rules and perform thorough pre- and post-trip inspections EVERY TIME.

Following these rules will help keep you safe!

For more #SWANAsafety info and resources: SWANA.org/safety
“Slow Down to get Around”
SAFETY MONDAY

Conveyors

What are some tips when working at a "powered" conveyor?

"Powered" or "power" conveyors include the use of belts, live rollers, slats, or buckets.

Do:

- Position yourself so that you are not hit by objects moving down the conveyor.
- Ensure that you can see the conveyor system when you are at the operating controls.
- Ensure that guards are in place for all moving parts of the drive system.
- Guard all pinch points between the conveyor system and fixed objects.
- Locate guardrails around low level conveyors and areas where conveyors pass through the floor/ceiling.
- Locate emergency stop cut-off switches near the operator and along the length of the conveyor at approximately 100 feet (30 metres) apart (or closer).
- Locate ground belts on belt conveyors to prevent static buildup.

Do Not:

- Do not service the conveyor without following Lockout / Tagout procedures.
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Beat the Heat

Warm weather is upon us and summer is right around the corner! Some important reminders for working outdoors in the heat:

1. Drink plenty of water or sports drinks – avoid soda.
2. Wear a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses.
3. Wear loose fitting, light color, lightweight clothing.
4. Use a fan and take occasional breaks, preferably in the shade.
5. Recognize the symptoms of heat stress – headaches, dizziness, clammy skin – and how to respond: move he/she to the shade, provide water, and call 911.

Several solid waste workers have died on the job because of heat related health complications. Don’t let it happen to you or your employees!

Click here to view the OSHA Heat Stress Quick Card
Other items

• Event calendar
• Backing resources (this is the most common accident) in English and Spanish
• Safety Matters columns
What is the purpose.

Make sure everyone has an effective Safety program big company or small company.
How to get the message across

• Repeat, repeat, repeat
• Personalize the message
• Share incidents that could relate to your line of business
• Always hold accountability, the one time you don’t can be bad
Avoid things like these
Use good judgment
Pay attention to your surroundings
Things you don’t forget
Safety Always

Questions?