

- A 19-year-old collector was killed when he was hit by a car. He was loading garbage into the truck. The sanitation truck was parked half on and half off the road.
- A 28-year-old collector was riding on the back of a sanitation truck. The truck was backing up. He fell and was run over and killed by the truck.
- A 30-year-old collector was on the riding step. He was crushed to death when the truck side-swiped a pole.
- A 21-year-old collector was directing a truck as it backed up. He jumped on the riding step, slipped, and hit his head on the street. He died from his injuries.
- A 43-year-old collector was killed after falling from a garbage truck. He was riding on the back of the truck which was reported moving at 50 mph (80 km/hr).
- A 69-year old driver was helping to load trash when the vehicle began to move forward, uncontrolled. As the worker chased the runaway truck, he fell under one of the wheels and was crushed to death.

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**Remember**  
**BE SAFE**  
**You can prevent injuries.**  
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## Don't Get Hurt Working Around Sanitation Trucks



From 1991 to 2009, **36 workers were killed** while working on or near sanitation trucks in New Jersey. **Many more were injured.**

- Twelve workers were killed by vehicles. Seven were run over by the sanitation truck. Five were run over by a car.
- Fifteen workers who were riding on the riding step were killed.
- Four workers were crushed to death between the truck and a dumpster.
- Five drivers were killed when their truck hit another vehicle.



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# COLLECTORS

## How can you avoid getting hurt?

- Stay alert.
- Wear light or brightly colored clothing. Wear reflective vests.
- Watch out for cars.
- Know where the truck is at all times. Don't stand behind a truck when it's backing up.
- Don't ride on the truck if it is going more than 10 mph (16 km/hr).
- Don't stand on the riding step or platform if the truck is moving backwards.
- Don't jump on to the riding step or platform while the truck is moving.
- Stand to the side of the truck while compacting.
- Stand clear of dumpsters.



Stay alert

# DRIVERS

## How can you avoid hurting someone?

- Always drive safely.
- Be sure all lights and backup beepers are working.
- Always know where your collectors are.
- Don't move the truck unless you can see where all workers are.
- Don't back up the truck unless you first signal all collectors.
- Don't back up the truck if anyone is standing on the riding step or platform.
- Drive slower than 10 mph (16 km/hr) if workers are riding on the step or platform.
- Use a co-worker as a spotter when backing up the truck.
- Park in the direction of traffic, on the side of the street where the trash is located.



Drive safely