

Refuse Crew Safety Rules

Always follow these company safety rules.

Our company, _____, is committed to the safety of our employees and customers. Our safety rules and policies are in place to prevent work-related deaths, injuries, damages, and wasteful financial losses.

We require you to follow the written safety rules below when performing work on behalf of our company. Our organization investigates all injuries, incidents, hazard reports, and property damage.

You are expected to follow these safety rules. Documented corrective action will result if the safety rules are not followed.

- Report injuries, incidents, unsafe conditions, and damage to management before your shift ends.
- Contact your supervisor whenever an injury or after-hours incident occurs or for any other business-related emergencies.
- Employees are prohibited from working while impaired by alcohol, medications, legal substances, or illicit drugs. Our company performs post-incident drug and alcohol screenings.
- Horseplay on the job is strictly prohibited.
- Drivers and passengers must wear seat belts when using vehicles for company business.
- Cell phone use while driving and on the job is prohibited.
- Safe and courteous driving is required. Follow speed limits. Do not tailgate and maintain a safe following distance.
- Perform a safety check of equipment and vehicles before departing for a job site. Report any maintenance concerns.
- Do not perform maintenance unless the engine is locked off and falling objects are blocked & braced.
- Throwers must be seated and belted in the vehicle cab when trash pickup has ended, and the truck is moving to a new pickup zone or landfill.
- Throwers must wear gloves when handling refuse or refuse containers.
- Safety-toe footwear is required while at work. In icy weather, use slip-over ice cleats.
- Drivers and throwers must wear high-visibility reflective apparel (day and night).
- Do not jump from vehicles. Prevent injuries by using three contact points when mounting and dismounting.
- Never back up a refuse vehicle without a spotter. The thrower must act as a spotter when a vehicle is in reverse.
- Do not attempt to remove or empty dangerous or unsafe refuse containers or dumpsters. Contact management if a container or the contents are unsafe.
- Do not work beneath lifted dumpsters.
- Do not reach between a lifted dumpster and the truck. Use a long pole or tool to move jammed garbage.
- Do not lift dumpsters that are beneath overhead power lines.

