

BE SAFE AT WORK



At Veolia, Health and Safety is our absolute priority - for our staff, the customers we collect from, and their employees and service users, too. That's why we've put together this guideline to keeping everyone safe around waste containers and their contents.



BE SLIP & TRIP SAFE

Slips, trips and falls usually happen when moving containers over uneven ground, across slippery surfaces, through gravel and over obstacles such as manholes or kerbs. To help prevent them:



Clear up spillages quickly



Store containers on firm, solid ground



Ensure external lighting is in full working order



Make sure damaged flooring is repaired



Keep alleyways and bin storage areas clear of obstructions



Keep the distance a container needs to be moved across poor surfaces as short as possible

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BE HOUSEKEEPING SAFE

Keeping areas immediately around waste containers free from obstructions, accumulated waste and other items helps to avoid:



Accidents during filling and emptying



Reduced visibility for moving vehicles and subsequent damage to property and equipment



Increased security risk due to creating a means of access into or onto containers

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BE PEDESTRIANS SAFE

Keep pedestrians safe around sites with large vehicles by:



Restricting vehicle speed



Displaying clear warning signage



Installing barriers to keep people out of the way of vehicles



Moving containers somewhere away from where people may congregate

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BE WEIGHT AWARE

A container over its designated maximum weight can cause a wide range of personal injuries as well as cause damage to vehicles and equipment. So, please ensure:



Bins or containers are not overfilled and the lid is closed



The correct waste is loaded



Where you have more than one bin you spread the load to even out the weight

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BE MOVE IT SAFE

Before moving or handling a container, always:



Check the weight by looking inside for large bulky items



Make sure the brakes are not on and wheels are not damaged



Ensure the route you are going to take is obstruction free



Store bins so that handles are accessible for moving the containers



Try to push rather than pull large containers



If it's too heavy, ask for help from a colleague

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BE COMPACTION EQUIPMENT SAFE

Keep people safe around compaction equipment:



Site it in a secure, restricted access service area inaccessible to unauthorised people wherever possible



Keep doors to closed skips locked when not in use, especially 'out of hours'



Make sure that any moving machinery parts are protected by guarding



Make sure your equipment is maintained and regularly serviced



Display clear warning signs



Keep area free from pedestrians when the container is exchanged

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BE SLEEPER SAFE

Rough sleepers often seek refuge in large containers and risk being injured as a result. To ensure that this risk is minimised, businesses have a duty to:



Keep an eye out for telltale signs of people getting into storage areas and especially into the bin



Tell employees about the risk of people getting into bins



Locate bins in a secure area / compound where possible



Keep bins locked



Check bins regularly, especially before a collection is due