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# KNOW YOUR LIMITS COLLECTION SAFETY



# Collection Safety

- Collection Safety
    - It's a Dangerous Job
    - Safety Policies/Procedures
    - Personal Protective Equipment
    - Trucks and Equipment
    - Loader, Drive and Supervisor Training
    - Substance Abuse
    - Environmental Stressors
    - Ergonomics in Collection
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# 5<sup>th</sup> most Dangerous Job in the US Collection Safety



# Collection Safety

- Safety Policies and Procedures
  - Departmental policies and procedures?
  - Review policy and procedures updates?
  - Safety committee review of incidents?
  - Supervisors fostering safe behavior?
  - Addressing safe behavior?



# Collection Safety



- Personal Protective Equipment

- PPE for employees
- Voluntary or mandatory
- On route coverage
- Vending Safety Gear





# Collection Safety

- Equipment

- Fleet



- Pre-Present-Post Trips



- Preventive Maintenance



# Collection Safety

- Loader, Driver and Supervisor Training
  - What type of training is provided?
  - Classroom
  - In Field
  - Shadowing Program
  - Record keeping



# Collection Safety

- Substance Abuse

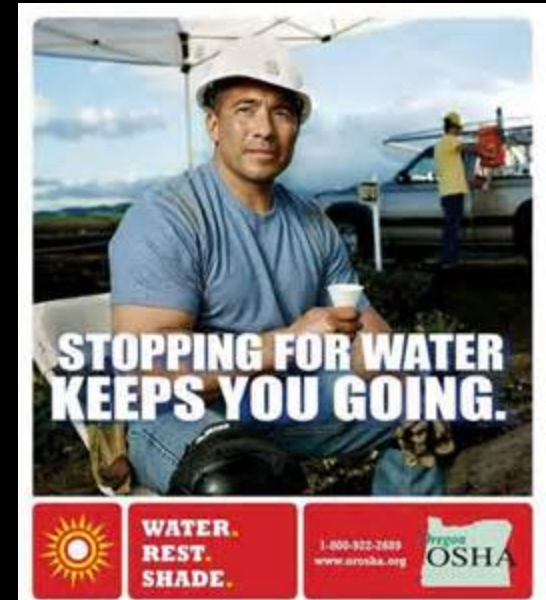
- OSHA...“of all drug users in US 74.8 are employed and are active in the workplace.”
- Being proactive and responsive
- Pre-hiring, post accident, random drug screening and reasonable suspicion testing
- Employee assistance programs





# Collection Safety

- Environmental Stressors
  - Heat
  - Rain
  - Cold
  - Snow



# Collection Safety

- Ergonomics in Collection
  - Riding the step
  - Trash carts/containers
  - Cab of ASL/RO/ML/RL
  - Handles/controls
  - Bulk truck





# Collection Safety

- Collection Safety Assessment
  - Review department procedures, programs, PPE and other key components to your operations.
  - Strategize to find successful resolutions.
  - Build on your employee, supervisor and management and public buy in.
  - Reach out for assistance through SWANA, public and private solid waste entities.



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