



TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES AND KEEP YOUR GARBAGE MAN ALIVE.

WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE.

Stuck behind a garbage truck while we're in a hurry to get to work or school. We get frustrated having to wait, we sigh, we curse, and impatiently pull around, endangering the life of a garbage collector emptying a cart or walking back to the truck.

What if that worker was your spouse, child, sibling or friend? He or she is someone's spouse, child, sibling or friend.



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National Waste & Recycling AssociationSM

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HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

Every driver learns to stop and wait for school buses, slow down in construction zones and yield and move over for emergency vehicles. NIOSH and the solid waste industry are educating drivers when approaching garbage trucks to prevent accidents, injuries and deaths.

- 1. SLOW DOWN** when approaching a garbage truck making its rounds. Stop if necessary to allow workers to do their jobs.
- 2. LOOK FOR WORKERS** before attempting to pass the truck.
- 3. CHECK FOR TRAFFIC** approaching from the opposite direction before proceeding around the truck.
- 4. AVOID DISTRACTIONS** like texting, talking on the cell phone, changing the radio station or programming a GPS system while driving near a garbage truck.



NIOSH and NW&RA are providing this info to educate you about the hazards that drivers can pose to trash and recycling workers in your community and help develop safer driving habits.

For more information or to see the Slow Down to Get Around PSA video, visit: beginwiththebin.org/slowdown telephone 202.364.3750 or email safety@wasterecycling.org.