



Did you know the solid waste collection industry is the 5th most deadliest job in the U.S.?

Slow Down to Get Around is a national safety campaign that reminds motorists to drive more carefully when near waste and recycling collection vehicles. Being struck by a motorist is a leading cause of death for workers in the solid waste and recycling collection industry. Each year the solid waste industry is on one of the top 5 most dangerous occupations. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cfoi.pdf>.)

Solid waste vehicles come in all shapes and sizes, and it is important for motorists to recognize that there are inherent hazards when approaching a solid waste vehicle. Our drivers cannot always see oncoming motorists due to the size of our trucks and limited visibility. Each time the operators exit their vehicles, they are likely to encounter a distracted motorist. That is why the *Slow Down to Get Around* campaign is such an important cause.

Since the start of the campaign, at least 21 states have enacted some type of *Slow Down to Get Around* law to help protect solid waste workers during collection. Louisiana isn't one of them at this time. However, the City of Shreveport and the Solid Waste Association of North America is asking for your help in keeping solid waste employees safe while they provide an important service to the community, so they can go home safe every day.

Here's How You Can Help

- **Avoid Distractions** while driving, such as texting and cell phones
- **Slow Down** when approaching a solid waste truck. Stop if necessary to allow workers to do their job
- **Look For Workers** before attempting to pass the truck
- **Check For Traffic** approaching from the opposite direction before going around the truck



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- Solid waste collection is the 5th deadliest job in the U.S. (Higher than police or firefighters)
- Over 23 deaths have occurred in the industry since January 1, 2018
- The financial impact of a major accident with a solid waste truck costs cities millions of dollars
- The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is asking for everyone's support in promoting *Slow Down to Get Around*.
- SWANA is one of the largest associations for the Solid Waste Sector in the U.S. with more than 10,000 members.
- Our programs focus on research, education, certification/training, networking and safety
- More resources can be found at:



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