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Collection Safety

Now we begin to have fun with safety! The majority of collection-related accidents that occur could be prevented if training is properly implemented. Training is the key to a successful safety program and if you care about the safety of your employees and the future of your company, then it's easy to get started. If you have been taking part in the safety wild challenge, you should be right in line for taking the next step.

Now, let’s talk about collection safety. If you don’t already know the top three leading causes of accidents with collection, then look closer at this sheet of paper you are reading. The most important way to prevent these types of accidents from happening is training. Most of you probably do your training with your trainee riding shotgun. Then, after your trainer believes he or she is ready to drive, they switch seats, and let the trainee have the wheel. This is great, but how many of you take the time to do another ride-along in one month or maybe three months? Or, if the driver is a veteran, do you even perform a ride-along? If not, you need to start! By doing so, you will discover a wealth of information about your driver and what he or she has to deal with on a daily basis, instead of just hearing feedback.

Here are some questions you should be asking yourself during the training phase: How did your employee exit the cab of the truck? How is his/her lifting techniques, speed, backing up, defensive driving, and overall operation of vehicle? How loud is the inside of the cab? Can we paint our trucks to look more visible? Should we install stop signs similar school buses (school buses adopted this rule to save lives). Another good idea is to create a flyer stating safety concerns and best practices - this will provide great customer service and get the safety message out to the public.

This is part one of two safety topics for collection safety. The collection side of our industry is dangerous and it takes all of us to improve safety in our industry. Backing up incidents