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We have been talking a lot about landfill tipping area (working face) safety with equipment hazards, so, now I would like to talk about personal safety with employees. Below is a checklist of the top things you should do to ensure employee safety:

1. First things first, make sure your first aid kits are fully stocked.
2. Provide your employees with the proper medical shots to prevent infection or illness (after all, our landfills may not be the most sanitary work environments).
3. Provide them with the proper PPE. Most people think PPE is safety glasses, vest, and hard hat, but it is much more than that. For example, in our industry, metal shank boots should be a requirement to help prevent punctures and you could also enforce wearing seat belts while operating equipment.
4. Listen to your employees and understand their work environment. If your employees are happy and the company morale is high, then employees tend to be safer, and production will increase, along with many other benefits.
5. Train your employees on how to protect themselves. Active shooter training is another way to protect your employees from a situation gone wrong.
6. Ask questions about the safety of your employees. Do you have employees working during the early, dark morning hours or late evening? Are they working alone? How secure is your gatehouse? What can you do to improve your employees' safety?

The safety of your employees is extremely important and should be a top priority, so make sure to perform routine checks to ensure your operations and employees are performing safely.