Accident Prevention

At some point you will deal with an accident at your landfill. The goal is to have zero accidents, but sometimes it might be out of your control. There are many reasons an accident might occur, such as lack of training, poor judgment, taking shortcuts, an employee may not be in the right state of mind, etc. When an accident does occur, it is important to investigate and determine what measures can be implemented to prevent the accident from happening again.

Keys to Good Accident Investigation

Understand the conditions that caused the accident.

Conduct the investigation as soon after the event as possible.

Make sure the scene is safe.

Interview all parties and/or witnesses.

Take photos.

Safeguard evidence.

Ensure good documentation of the accident.

Do not seek to find blame, work to find the cause.

Talk about the accident after the investigation is over so your crew understands what happened

Sometimes the investigation may take a few days or even weeks, so it is okay to brief your crew and tell them that you will update them as soon as the investigation is finished.