

Trade waste collections using a dust cart.

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Setting the scene: This assessment deals with the activities associated with the collection of trade waste by dust carts.

Health and Safety consequences Potential Severity

- 1 = Negligible
- 2 = Slight Minor Injury
- 3 = Moderate Serous Injury
- 4 = High Serious Injuries
- 5 = Very High Fatality Potential

The 'Risk Factor' & Residual Risk' are determined by the following calculation: Likelihood X Severity = Risk Rating

Probable Likelihood

- 1. Very Unlikely
- 2. Unlikely
- 3. Possible
- 4. Likely
- 5. Very Likely

1-4 Care 5-9 Caution 10-14 Alert

15 – 25 **Stop**

		1	2	3.	4	9	
Probable Likelihood	1	CARE	GARE	CARE	CARE	CAUTION	
	2	CARE	CARE	CAUTION	CAUTION	ALERT	
	3	CARE	CAUTION	CAUTION	ALERT		
	A	CARE	CAUTION	ALERT		1000	
	5	CAUTION	ALERT				

Activity	What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What is already being done?	Initial Risk Rating	What further action is required?	Residual Risk Rating	Action by whom and when?
Pre start checks of	Oil, fluids, moving	Operator, contact,	Competent drivers using correct P.P.E.				
all road going	parts, live electrics,	striking by or	Ensure vehicles are turned off, with	Care	None identified	Care	NA
vehicles.	slips, trips and falls	entrapment	keys out following manufactures				
			handbook, use 3 points of contact and				
			correct access points.				
			Hand held unit & defect book				
			completed, attended driver CPC,				
			periodic licences check.				
			All vehicles are inspected in the				
			workshop every 6 weeks.				



Running checks,	Running vehicles	Operator, striking by	Ensure all pre start checks are				
before taking the		or entrapment	complete and recorded, turn on all	Care	None identified	Care	NA
vehicles on the			lights, and do walk round visual				
road.			inspection of the complete vehicle				
			including wheel nuts and bodywork.				
Driving lorry on	Manual handling	Operator, personal	Competent driver with correct licence,				
the public		injury during lifting	comply with Road traffic Act, adjust	Care	None identified	Care	NA
highway.		operation	driving in bad weather, use seat belt.				
			Constant observation. Driving hours				
			monitored. All vehicles fitted with on				
			board camera				
Trade waste is	Moving traffic,	Striking or entrapment	Competent drivers using class 1or 2				
usually collected	reversing of vehicle,	of persons.	licences. Use of PPE. Use of mirrors	Care	None identified	Care	NA
and stored in	Slips, trips and falls.		and reversing camera. Area checked				
various sizes of	Manually moving full	Falling.	prior to bins being lifting, Use of				
Euro Karts and/or	bins and bagged		correct access points only.				
Rear End Loaders	waste	Moving heavy loads	Karts are only moved if safe to do so				
(REL).			heavy bins karts be refused or if access				
			roads prohibit safe movement.				
			All new drivers have on the job				
			training with a competent trainer				
			driver before working on their own,				
			retraining if required.				
			Banks man is used if required and all				
			drivers follow customers site rules				
Accidental	Unidentified waste.	Exposure to unknown	Waste is checked to ensure it complies	Care			
collection		substances	with collection note. Driver		None identified	Care	NA
Incorrect waste			immediately reports any issues to the				
			transport office for further instruction,				
			this done using there Purgo tablet.				
Disposal of	Waste streams	Exposure to waste	All vehicles entering the yard to follow				
collected waste			the speed limit, and report to the	Care	None identified	Care	NA
			weighbridge, once the paperwork is				
			completed, park outside MRF1 and				



			wait for instruction to proceed.				
Tipping in the recycling building	Moving plant and equipment	Operator striking or entrapment	Inside the MRF drivers follow instructions from machine operators, or a banksman is available if required. Tipping takes place in the required location. Safety bar in use during cleaning operation. The recycling building has been designed for the tipping of lorries, has designated bays for waste, and IN/OUT doors. All yard operatives use radios and full PPE. See RA001 for more	Care	None identified	Care	NA
			details.				
Parking of vehicles	Moving plant and equipment	Operator striking or entrapment	Follow parking instruction form transport office. Use safe reversing aids.	Care	None identified	Care	NA
Winter working	Ice, darkness and freezing temperatures	Operator Slip trips and falls.	Yard has suitable lighting; walkways are gritted during adverse weather. Use correct P.P.E. Adjust driving to weather conditions.	Care	None identified	Care	NA
Vehicle breakdowns	Leaks, broken parts, vehicle stopped in unplanned place.	Contact, blocking other road users, public, oil contamination.	Modern maintained vehicles, with daily checks and 6-week full inspection, 12-month MOT. Any defects are reported by the driver using Purgo. In the event of a vehicle breakdown the driver will park the vehicle in an area away from roads or access points, ring the transport office and wait for further instruction. If an oil leak or pipe burst, will attempt to contain spillage, with on-board spillage kit to prevent environmental damage.	Care	None identified	Care	NA



Vehicle cleaning	Unidentified waste,	Exposure to waste.	Vehicles are cleaned regularly with a	6	Non-ideatified	6	NA
	slips, trips & falls.	Operator,	pressure washer.	Care	None identified	Care	NA
	Confined spaces.		Using a buddy system, drivers				
			occasionally have to dig out and clean				
			behind the compactor blade. The				
			engine must be switched off with the				
			driver keeping the keys on his person,				
			insuring no one can start the vehicle.				
			Access is through an inter-locked side				
			panel with in the body.				