

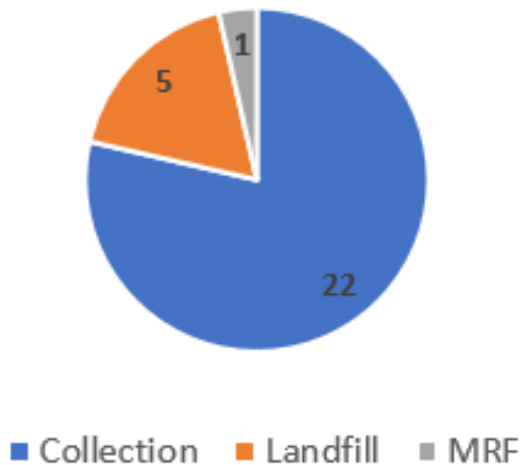
SAFETY MATTERS

LEADING REASONS FOR WORKER DEATHS

Each year SWANA issues an update on worker fatalities in the solid waste industry. While 2021 saw a substantial decrease from previous years, the reasons why workers died remained the same.

The most common cause of collection worker fatalities was their own truck. Workers died because they fell off the truck, were hit by it, or because the truck rolled over. For workers at landfills and MRFs, being struck by waste trucks and yellow iron was the cause of half of all fatalities.

2021 FATALITY WORKSITES



EVENT	FATALITIES
Struck by waste vehicle	7
Single vehicle crash	4
Struck by vehicle	3
Collision	2
Riding step	2
Medical event	2
Workplace violence	2
Other	6

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