

1. Before operating the vehicle the driver must thoroughly be familiar with the employer's safety program concerning traffic rules, warning devices, hand signals, and compactor operation.
2. While entering and exiting the truck cab, keep steps clear of debris such as dirt, gravel, snow, and ice.
  - a. Use steps and grab handles for getting in and out. Never get in or out of the vehicle while it is moving.
3. Always maintain visual contact with the operator while working on or around any mobile equipment.
  - a. Watch for other vehicles, especially in conditions of poor lighting or limited line of sight.
  - b. Stay away from the rear of the vehicle any time the back-up lights or alarms are on.
4. Be sure to work on the right side of the road whenever possible.
  - a. Try to avoid crossing the street unless traffic congestion is minimal and always cross the street from behind the truck!
5. Never use controls or hoses for hand holds while mounting or dismounting.
  - a. Do not ride on steps when the unit is backing up, exceeds 10 mph, or traveling a distance greater than 2 tenths of one mile.
  - b. Do not mount or dismount the riding step when vehicle is in motion, and if you must dismount in an emergency situation; your lead foot should leave the step last.
6. Always use safe lifting procedures while loading refuse into compactor.
  - a. Be sure to ask for help if you need it.
7. Determine if the waste can be legally collected, taking into account: hazardous wastes requiring licensed disposal and wastes such as biomedical that require special handling procedures.
8. Always ensure that all persons are clear of the equipment before actuating any packing or push-out controls.
9. Do not attempt to dislodge any material above waist level unless wearing eye protection such as "approved" side shielded safety glasses or full face shield.
10. Never enter unit body unless the push-out plate clamp is released, PTO disengaged, and ignition key removed and placed in your pocket.
11. Never place head, body, fingers, or any limbs into a scissors point or pinch point on the equipment.

## **Container handling precautions**

1. Never use a rear loader to transport a container.
2. If it is necessary to manually free debris from the container, use a long metal probe while the container is on the ground.
  - a. DO NOT place yourself between the container and the packer body.
3. Check overhead clearance before dumping a container.
4. Do not overload the hopper.
5. Do not move the vehicle with a container attached.
6. All containers should be inspected for serviceability and repaired if not in a safe, usable condition.
7. Never cross under a raised container.

8. Stand clear when dumping containers.
9. Before attempting to lift a container, below 32 degrees F., make sure it is not frozen to the ground.