

Worker Killed While Driving Recycling Truck



What happened?

The driver of a waste disposal/recycling truck was ejected from his vehicle and killed following a traffic collision.

The truck driver entered an intersection to make a left turn and had the green light at the time, according to witnesses. A second vehicle entered the intersection, allegedly against the red light, and struck the truck on the driver's door and left-front tire. The truck driver lost control of his vehicle, which swerved onto the shoulder of the road, re-entered the roadway and travelled approximately 50 yards before nosing into an embankment.

The truck driver was ejected from his vehicle near the spot where it re-entered the roadway and landed beneath the left side tires of the still-traveling truck. The truck driver was not wearing a seatbelt at the time.

What can you do to prevent this from happening at your workplace?

- Always wear seatbelts when driving.
- Train all drivers in defensive driving.
- Develop a motor vehicle policy for your company. You can find guidance at [L&I Safety & Health Rules](#).

Need more information?

Get Started with Safety & Health to get information on safety and health, rules and policies, sample programs, and general assistance.

Interested in a free safety consultation at your workplace?

The Department of Labor & Industries provides consultations, training, and technical assistance at no cost to employers. Call today to schedule a free confidential consultation or go to [Request Consultation](#) for more information. You may also call 1-800-423-7233 or visit a local L&I office and ask for the Consultation Manager.

How does an employee file a complaint?

Employees or employee representatives may file formal complaints with DOSH when they believe a safety or health hazard exists in their workplace. [Complaint forms](#) are available from your local L&I office in both English and Spanish, or on the Web.

Contact us. We're here to help.