

A white and yellow hard hat is positioned on the left side of the image, resting on a thick stack of white papers. The background is a blurred industrial environment with red structural elements and bright lighting. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# APSE Health & Safety Webinar:

## Waste and Environmental Services

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# Topics for today

- Role of the Health and Safety Executive (“HSE”)
- Sector accident statistics and details
- Recent prosecutions
- Updated Industry guidance



# Role of the HSE



# Sector focus

**Principal Inspector assigned to waste sector**

**Assists HSE Inspectors to deal with**

- Collection of municipal and industrial waste
- Waste reception
- Sorting and processing
- Recovery of materials
- Biological treatment of organic material
- Thermal treatment
- Landfill



# Injuries

## **2023-24 Fatal (2<sup>nd</sup> worst sector per 100,000 workers)**

- 4 workers
- 1 member of the public
- All either struck by a moving vehicle or moving object

## **2017 – 2024 non-fatal (worst sector per 100,000 workers)**

- 4,000
- Slips, trips and falls (32%)
- Injured while handling, lifting or carrying (25%)
- Struck by moving object (including flying, falling, 12%)

# III Health

## 2015 – 2024 non-fatal (worst sector per 100,000 workers)

- 5,000 (new or long-standing work related)
- Musculoskeletal disorders and stress, depression or anxiety the vast majority (85%)
- Key others were skin or respiratory conditions

# Recent prosecutions (within last 9 months)



# Recent industry guidance (new or updated)

Containment  
walls (WISH)

Waste 09 Traffic  
Management on  
Waste and  
Recycling  
Centres (WISH)

Info 29 Landfill  
Specific Aspects  
of on-site traffic  
safety (WISH)

Collecting,  
handling, and  
treating waste  
lithium batteries  
(Pan European)





# Questions?

