

# 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)

Man seriously injured hand picking waste when hit from behind by shovel loader.

£250k fine

Waste & recycling centre risk of serious injury to workers and the public from 3 waste compactor machines.

£100k fine.

Waste recycling, failure to segregate vehicles from pedestrians, previous enforcement action £650k fine

Where next???

## 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?



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