



SLOW DOWN TO GET AROUND

A CAMPAIGN TO SAVE LIVES

Slow Down to Get Around (SDTGA) is a national safety campaign that reminds motorists to drive more carefully when near waste and recycling collection vehicles. Being struck by a motorist is a leading cause of death for waste and recycling collection employees, and with proper awareness, is completely preventable.

Slow Down to Get Around is also the name commonly applied to legislation that requires motorists to slow down or move over when passing waste and recycling vehicles that are in the process of collection. It is similar to many existing laws that require motorists to be cautious when traveling through a construction work zone or when passing a stopped public safety vehicle. In fact, many states enact SDTGA legislation simply by amending existing laws to add waste and recycling vehicles to the list.

Slow Down to Get Around was originally developed by Rumpke Consolidated and the McNeilus Companies. It was created following two tragic incidents resulting in the death of one Rumpke employee and severe injuries to a second. Both accidents were due to careless driving by motorists.

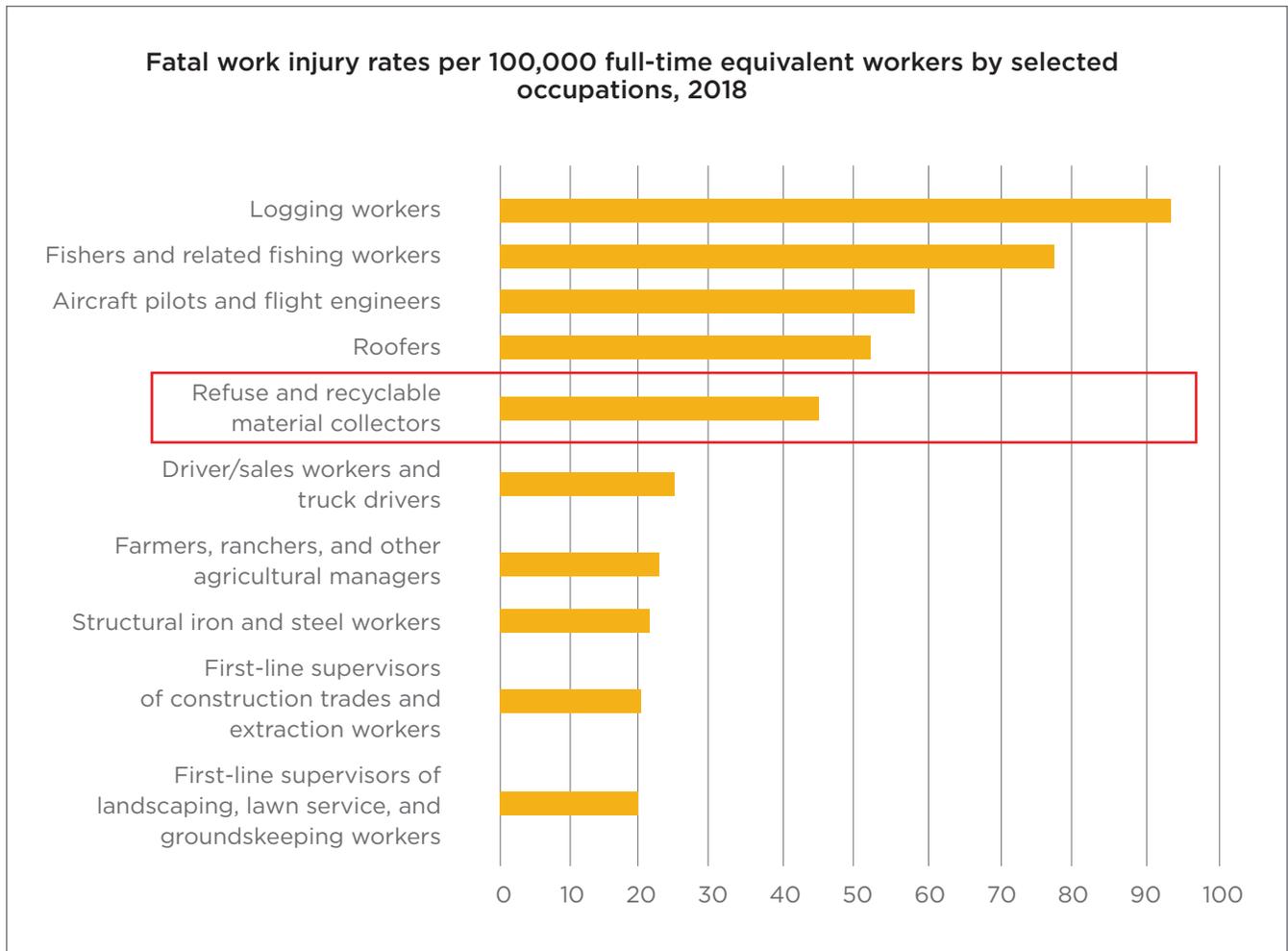
Since the start of the campaign, at least thirty states have enacted some type of SDTGA law to help protect solid waste workers during collection.

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Why is Slow Down to Get Around legislation so important? Because collecting garbage is extremely dangerous. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) for 2018 lists **refuse and recyclable material collectors as the occupation with the 5th highest rate of on-the-job fatalities in the United States**. This continues an upward trend in the rate since 2012, and is higher than law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical services providers.

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WHY SLOW DOWN TO GET AROUND MATTERS

- The fatality rate for collection workers is higher than first responders, such as police officers and firefighters.
- On average, one collection worker dies in the United States every 1.5 weeks.
- Fatality rate and raw numbers have generally increased since 2009.
- Everyone deserves to go home from their job safe at the end of the day.

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