Safety At Landfills

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TOPIC: Landfills and transfer stations are busy, harsh environments. Working in a landfill may be one of the most challenging things you do. So how do you make sure you and your co-workers make it through a shift safely? Here are some basic tips that can help:

Work Together

- Have regular pre-shift meetings with your team
- Map out a "plan" for the day
- Make eye contact with machine operators
- Be aware, alert, and always ready for the unpredictable

Follow Rules

- Always wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment
- Read and understand your machines Operation and Maintenance Manual
- Always perform a walk-around inspection before starting any machine
- Always follow proper lockout/tag-out rules

Communicate

- Everyone should discuss the days plan before and after the shift, as well as during breaks and machine handoffs
- Always inform the next machine operator of how the machine is handling
- Be sure to maintain communication with those around you as you operate the machine
- Use eye contact, hand signals, and horn signals
- Always be sure that your signals have been acknowledged
- Always report any problems to your supervisor

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