

SkipsAndBins.com Ltd.

WHEELIE BIN COLLECTION

RISK ASSESSMENT



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Hazard Identification & Risk Rating Assessment

Risk Rating Assessment No.	RA 001	Site	SkipsAndBins.com
Hazard ID No.	H 001	Plant / Equipment / Process	Various Bins
Process / Activity	Handling of Bins	Date	26 May 2022

Hazard Category - select the most appropriate categories for the hazards you have identified

Mechanical	☐	Noise	☐	Slips/Trips/Falls	☒	Ventilation	☐
Electrical	☐	Vibration	☐	Storage	☒	Collapse of structure	☐
Hazardous Substances	☐	Fire / Explosion	☐	Falling objects	☒	Housekeeping / Cleaning	☒
Adverse Weather	☒	Mechanical Lifting	☐	Confined Spaces	☒	Use of vehicles	☒
Compressed Air	☐	Equipment Failure	☒	Excavation	☐	Gas	☐
Extreme Temperature	☐	Manual Handling	☒	Heights	☐	Human Error	☒
Lighting	☒	Pressure	☐	Water	☐	Use of Work Equipment	☒

Other - please describe

Process/Activity

For Max Recycling the risk assessment is based on the HSE WISH WASTE 25 document
What is the likelihood of someone entering a bin for which you are responsible
(based on past history, the neighbourhood, the weather, the containers' contents, its location and if its secured)?
Max Recycling collect, deliver and empty various bins throughout the North of England and Scotland. Extra care should be taken in areas where vagrants, homeless, alcoholics and drug abusers may utilise bins for shelter. Bins should be checked (if practical and safe to do so) for the presence of a person inside the bin, tapping the bin or looking for signs of blankets etc. If a person is found then care should be taken and senior management, the waste producer and, where necessary, the Police informed. Area should be quarantined and emergency button on compactor hit if the bin is in the process of being emptied. Staff are trained in ensuring visual check of bins are carried out, including banging on the bin. If a person is found in the bin use caution as person may be aggressive, under the influence and staff should use care not expose themselves to harm from persons inside the bins. In these cases call Police, emergency services and contact senior management/office for guidance.

Persons at risk - Identify the persons at risk from this hazard (tick all boxes that apply)

All Workers	☒	Inexperienced Staff	☒	Maintenance Staff	☐	Outdoor Workers	☒
Visitors	☐	Customers	☒	Lone Workers	☒	Member of the Public	☒
Pregnant Woman	☐	Contractors	☒	Machine Operators	☐	Office Staff	☐
Staff with Disabilities	☐	Other (specify)	☒	any person, including a child, occupying a waste container or receptacle			

Current Control Measures

Areas where there are known to be populations of rough sleepers, drug abusers, alcoholics and vagrants.
Are there any known previous instances of such people being found, or seen, in or near the waste storage area or bins? **If so, be extra vigilant when checking the bin before emptying.**
Season and weather – the likelihood of shelter being sought in waste containers increases in, and for the length of, periods of wet or cold weather. **Drivers to show consideration of impact of weather conditions on bin being used as shelter.**
The nature of the waste being stored – paper, card, carpet, textile and other similar dry, 'comfortable' wastes, are known to be attractive to those seeking shelter. Mixed/wet waste will be unattractive. **Drivers advised of increased risk and to check accordingly.**
The location of the waste storage area and bins – is it a quiet, isolated location?
Is the waste storage area well lit, especially at collection times?
Drivers and Mates to carry out visual check of the bin, banging on the bin, looking for signs of the presence of people before emptying the bin.
Staff training on checking bins with reference to risk assessment and WISH WASTE 25 and included in induction. All vehicles to carry copy of WISH 25.

Are Current Controls effective? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Complies with general legislative requirements ☒ Yes ☐ No **Assess Risk** ☐ No **Automatic 'A' Rating**

Formula for assessing risk rating (Taking into account current control measures)
Frequency - Severity - Probability = Rating

Frequency - How often is the hazard present?	Severity - What is the possible worst outcome?	Probability - Likelihood of occurrence	Overall Risk Rating
Less than 1 per year	No Injury or illness	Zero to very low	High 320 - 1000
2-3 times per year	First Aid injury or illness	Very Unlikely	Medium 80 - 320
Monthly	Minor injury or illness	Unlikely	Low < 80
Weekly	>7 day injury or illness	Likely	
Daily	Major injury or illness	Very Likely	
Constant / hourly	Fatal or disabling injury	Almost Certain	

Assessed by: **S de Grey**

Is a more detailed Specific Risk Assessment Required?

Yes

No

Assessment Type / ID required (Work Equipment / Manual Handling / COSHH / Workplace / Specify other):

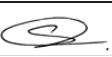
Work Place Specific

Immediate Actions Required

Required Actions	Resp.	Target Date	Completed
Ensure WISH WASTE 25 read and made available to staff Staff training on checking bins in accordance with WISH 25 guidelines. Should person be found in bin staff training on dealing with these persons without harming themselves. Contact emergency services and office for guidance.	P Roche P Roche P Roche	##### ongoing ongoing	

Further Actions Required

Required Actions	Resp.	Target Date	Completed

Assessor:	Signature:	Date:	Review Date:
SDG		26 May 2022	26 May 2024

Re-assessment of risks following implementation of required actions

Are New Controls effective?

Yes

No

Complies with all Legal Requirements

Yes Assess Risk

No Automatic High Rating

Formula for assessing risk rating

(Taking into account current control measures)

Frequency - Severity - Probability = Rating

Frequency - How often is the hazard		Severity - What is the possible worst		Probability - Likelihood of occurrence		Overall Risk Rating				
Less than 1 per year		1	No Injury or illness		1	Zero to very low		1	High 320 - 1000	
2-3 times per year		2	First Aid injury or illness		2	Very Unlikely		2		
Monthly		4	Minor injury or illness		4	Unlikely		4	Medium 80 - 320	
Weekly		6	>7 day injury or illness		6	Likely		6		
Daily		8	Major injury or illness		8	Very Likely		8		
Constant / hourly		10	Fatal or disabling injury		10	Almost Certain		10	Low < 80	

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**If Risk is still classed as an High risk rating
then review corrective actions and re-assess.**

Signed:



Print Name:

W.S. Hawthorne

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Date of Next Review:

06/01/2027