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## **Bulletin: Safety Awareness**

To: BIC Trade Waste Licensees and Registrants

New York City comes alive during the summer time. The days are longer. Our streets are filled with school children playing, pedestrians on their way to bars, restaurants, festivals and more, tourists taking in the sights, and cyclists out for a ride. With our streets teeming with people, we write to remind you that safety must be the top priority.

### **Here are some helpful reminders to help prevent collisions:**

- Be on the lookout for pedestrians. Many pedestrians in New York City are tourists that may not be used to city traffic. Remember: pedestrians have the right-of-way when using the crosswalk.
- Take it slow. The speed limit on most City streets is 25 miles per hour or slower.
- Pause before you turn - use turn signals, scan for pedestrians, double check your mirrors and be aware of the vehicle's blind spots.
- Visibility is low at night. Make sure your headlights are on, interior lights are dim, and the windshield is clean. Take your time when operating at night.

While our common goal is to ensure everyone's safety, unfortunately, collisions do occur on our streets. Recently, there were two fatal crashes involving private waste collection vehicles. The first incident occurred on April 29, 2017, when a passenger vehicle traveling on Bruckner Boulevard in the Bronx swerved into the adjacent lane to avoid a raised manhole cover. A passenger of the vehicle, a three-year-old girl, was killed when the driver of the private waste hauling vehicle rear-ended the car. The second crash took place on May 16, 2017, in

Manhattan. A pedestrian was crossing the intersection of Sixth Avenue and West 8<sup>th</sup> Street when a private waste hauling truck struck and killed her.

In light of these and other incidents, please be aware of your surroundings when traveling on the streets. We look forward to continuing our work with the industry on various initiatives aimed at making the industry safer. Together, we can help the City achieve its Vision Zero goal of ending traffic-related deaths and injuries in New York City.