



WASTE COMPACTOR SAFETY TIPS

Be Prepared	Work Safe	Finish Right
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ensure you have been trained in the use of the compactor ✓ Inspect the machine to ensure no obvious defects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Broken door locks – Bent doors – Damaged controls – Hydraulic leaks ✓ Review the safety warning labels on the equipment ✓ Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Non-slip safety shoes ✓ Let someone know when you are going to use the compactor ✓ Secure any personal items that could fall into compactor ✓ Only place materials appropriate for the specific compactor in the compactor ✓ Confirm which materials are safe to place in compactor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Compact every time material is placed in compactor ✓ Ensure compactor hoppers (where present) are guarded to prevent reaching in or falling ✓ Do not place any body part past the threshold of the hopper ✓ Ensure the compactor material filling door(s) is(are) securely closed before operating ✓ Never open the door while a compactor is running ✓ All access doors to compactor hazards must be equipped with safety interlocking devices that immediately signal the compactor to stop upon opening ✓ Do not defeat any safeguarding ✓ Clean up any spills immediately ✓ If there is a jam or other problem, contact your supervisor for assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean the floor and work area around the machine ✓ Ensure all warning signs are readable ✓ Use a lockout procedure for cleaning equipment and maintenance ✓ Ensure only qualified individuals are performing maintenance on compactors, and that manufacturer's instructions are followed ✓ Clean and put away PPE ✓ Report any problems with the equipment or signs to your supervisor



🔊 Speak up!

If you see a hazard, let a supervisor know. Everyone plays a role in your safety and health.

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