

Dumpster Safety

OHBA Safety Pages

- **A clean dumpster and exterior area enhances your business's image and your commitment to the community.**
- Place dumpsters on level areas with even walking surfaces free of trip, slip and fall hazards.
- **Allow adequate open areas around the dumpster to allow easy disposing of bags and waste debris.**
- During winter months maintain the area around the dumpster free of snow and ice. Clean off snow accumulation from dumpster lids this adds to the weight of the lids.
- **Never use hands or feet to compress or reposition waste in the dumpster.**
- When emptying bags or containers lift them using your legs, **NOT YOUR BACK**. Always lift gradually and smoothly, without jerking or twisting.
- **Limit bag or container contact with your body. Keep bags or containers away from your body.**
- Use caution when opening and closing lids during windy weather.
- **Keep your head and body clear of the lids path should it close unexpectedly.**
- Be alert for animals, bees, wasps or other insects in the dumpsters.
- **When possible keep all waste, especially food waste, contained in sealed trash bags.**
- **Don't be a dumpster diver. Never enter the dumpster for any purpose.**
- **Never overfill, load the dumpster evenly to reduce the possibility of tipping.**



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Topic: Dumpster Safety

Project: _____ Address: _____

Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Shift: _____

Number in crew: _____ Number attending: _____

Safety or Health issues discussed. Include recent accident investigations and hazards involving tools, equipment, the work environment, and work practices:

Follow up from last safety meeting:

Record of those attending:

Name: (please print)	Signature:	Company:
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Supervisor's remarks: _____

Supervisor: _____
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