



## Acknowledgements:



## Our Recommendations:

- ✓ 2 types of worker uniforms and rain protection
- ✓ Adequate worker approved gloves
- ✓ All employees should be provided with a uniform from the first day they set foot on the facility
- ✓ Installation of showers at all facilities
- ✓ Shatter resistant safety glasses
- ✓ First aid kits in all vehicles
- ✓ Updating training practices
- ✓ Proper maintenance of all vehicles
- ✓ Proper working doors on all vehicles
- ✓ Company should be open to employee suggestions

*We would especially like to thank all the workers who participated in the survey.*

*Thank you*



# Occupational Health Internship Program

Waste and Recycling Industry:  
Southern California

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# WHAT WE DID

Survey 200 waste and recycling industry workers at 11 different locations in Southern California



## Number of Workers surveyed by Company

Waste Management:	91
Republic:	71
Calmet:	14
Angelus Western:	12
Crown:	12

## Reported Injuries by Job Type

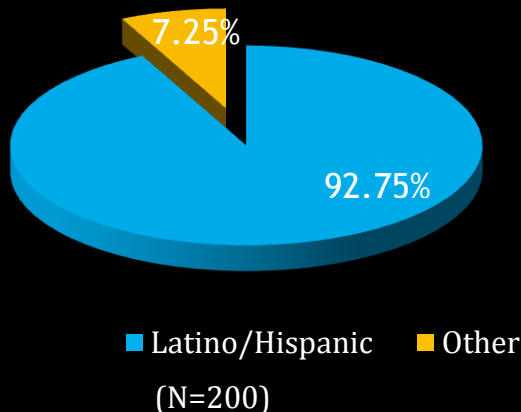
### Drivers: (154 surveyed, 98 injuries)

Hand	24.2%
Back	16.3%
Shoulder	12.2%
Fall/Slip	11.2%

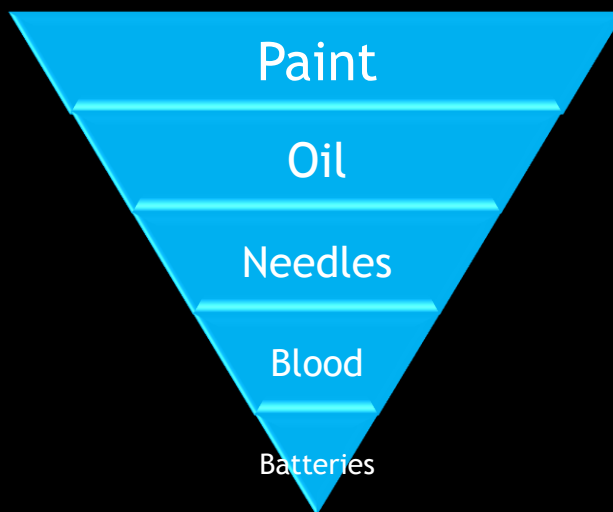
### Sorters: (33 surveyed, 10 injuries)

Hand	20.0%
Cuts	20.0%
Knee/Leg	20.0%
Ankle	20.0%

## Race/ Ethnicity of the 200 workers surveyed



## Top 5 most commonly reported hazardous materials



## Wages Reported

### Drivers (all Union members):

All reported earning \$18 per hour or above

### Sorters:

Union Members \$10 to \$12 an hour

Non-Union Members \$8 to \$10 an hour

## Average age of workers surveyed

Drivers and sorters 44.95 years of age

To file a workplace health and safety complaint contact Cal/OSHA at the following:

<p><b>Santa Ana</b> 2000 E. McFadden Ave., Ste 122, Santa Ana 92705 (714) 558-4451 fax (714) 558-2035</p>	<p><b>Los Angeles</b> 320 West 4<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 850, Los Angeles 90013 (213) 576-7451 fax (213) 576-7461</p>
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Alternatively you could also visit Cal/OSHA's website at the address below to file a complaint or find more information regarding worker health and safety.

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/>