

56084 Health and Safety Accidents - Refuse Collection

Follow-up to 55379

FOI Request Response (EDIR:55379) established that in the 3 year period, 02/06/2022 to 01/06/2025, the number of health and safety accidents or near misses (as defined and required to be reported under the City of Edinburgh Council Health and Safety Policy sections 4:17 and 4:18)) which were reported by Refuse Collection workers employed by City of Edinburgh Council or their outsourced contractors was as follows:-

2022-23: 68 incidents or near misses reported

2023-24: 75 incidents or near misses reported

2024-25: 65 incidents or near misses reported

Please provide the number of those incidents, shown above, in which a direct contributing factor mentioned in the health and safety report was the use of a bungee cord or strap being used to retain a bin closed.

2022-23: 68 incidents or near misses reported – None were reported due to the use of a bungee cord or strap being used to retain a bin closed.

2023-24: 75 incidents or near misses reported - None were reported due to the use of a bungee cord or strap being used to retain a bin closed.

2024-25: 65 incidents or near misses reported – None were reported due to the use of a bungee cord or strap being used to retain a bin closed.

Please supply the Risk Assessments carried out as a result of any health and safety accidents or near misses in which a direct contributing factor mentioned was the use of a bungee cord or strap being used to retain a bin closed, which were reported within the 3-year period 02/06/2022 to 01/06/2025 by Refuse Collection workers employed by City of Edinburgh Council or their outsourced contractors.

Not applicable. There were no such incidents reported in this period.