

# Waste & Cleansing

**Returning Bins after  
Collection – Wheelie Bins,  
Food Caddies and Boxes**

# **Aims and Objectives – Returning Bins after Collection**

- Understand the role of the Driver and Loader
- Appreciate the importance of returning bins to their point of collection that leaves a clear pathway for pedestrians
- Understand the issues that can arise when bins are not returned to the point of collection correctly

# Background

- Over 24 million bins lifted each year
- We consult with thousands of Edinburgh residents, businesses and other Council departments on where we site and collect bins from
- Policies, Regulations and Legislation on how we do this

# **Background – Where we Collect**

- Accepted Practice
- Kerbside (pavement), ‘On Street’ and ‘Agreed Presentation Points’
- Increased Recycling
- Reduced Pavement Space
- Other Street Furniture
- Vulnerable Pedestrians

# Vulnerable Pedestrians



- Blind or Partially Sighted
- Wheelchair Users
- People with walking aids
- Pushchair/Pram Users
- Other?

# **Risks**

- Forcing pavement users onto road
- Moving/stepping off pavement
- Increased Confusion/Stress
- Frustration

**Increased risk of accidents/injuries**

# **Role of Driver Crew Leader**

- Ensure Collectors are replacing bins to the point of collection
- Ensures there is a clear pathway for pavement users
- Report any presentation point issues
- Log on Routesmart

# **Role of Collector**

- Ensure bins are returned to their point of collection that doesn't cause obstruction
- Ensure you report any issues to your Driver Crew Leader or Supervisor

# Video

- Play video

# **The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB)**

**The barriers to blind and partially sighted people getting out and about**

The RNIB's recent survey showed that just over half of blind and partially sighted respondents have collided with wheelie bins or recycling containers (including sacks) that have been left on the pavement. Some people have told the RNIB they avoid going out on bin days as it was safer to stay indoors!

# **Guide Dogs for Scotland**

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*‘Having a clear pathway is crucial for many pedestrians who are blind or partially sighted and who wish to navigate along streets independently. Street clutter, such as bins, can also prevent people with mobility impairments such as wheelchairs and other vulnerable pedestrians from using the pavements with confidence.’*

# Remember

- Please ensure you put bins back to their point of collection
- Ensure that it doesn't cause obstruction
- Report any issues to your Driver or Supervisor

# Questions?