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Sample General Safe Work Practice for Garbage Collection

- Perform a pre-use inspection at the beginning of every shift.
- Wear personal protective equipment.
- Watch for traffic and stay visible.
- Collect from one side of the road at a time.
- Stay clear of any pinch points while the garbage is being compacted.
- Do not ride on the platform for more than 300 metres* at a time.
- When a waste collector is standing on the platform, operate the vehicle:
 - o At a speed no greater than 16 km/h.
 - o Only in a forward direction.
 - o At extremely slow speed over bumps and potholes.
- Avoid operating the vehicle in reverse.

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