

# Dumpster Safety

**Dumpster areas are safety concerns because they're the holding area for large amounts of waste which can be sharp, heavy and awkward. Dumpster areas can also be security concerns, as persons can hide in these areas. Oftentimes dumpsters are not secured and are poorly lit. Review the following dumpster safety tips with your employees.**

## Toolbox Tips

- Keep dumpster area doors closed and locked.
- Maintain dumpster area door latches.
- Keep dumpster lids closed to minimize waste escape, animals and prevent fire.
- Do not allow smoking in dumpster areas.
- Do not overload dumpsters with trash bags and boxes. You must lift these items high up or overhead.
- Wear gloves when handling trash bags and boxes and while opening and closing dumpster lids.
- Clean dumpster areas regularly to prevent fires.
- If dumpster areas are lit, make sure bulbs are replaced promptly if a light goes out.
- Observe the dumpster area before entering and make sure no one is hiding in the area.
- Use the buddy system if you are going to a dumpster at night.



This dumpster area is a fire hazard. Keep dumpster areas cleaned up.



Keep dumpster areas clean and well lit.

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