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***Vision Zero Fall 2024 Back to School Safety Notice***

This Thursday, September 5, NYC public schools are back in session. **Please share these important reminders with trade waste drivers and helpers as safety must be the #1 priority during operations:**

- Drivers should be familiar with school zones.
- Always stop for school bus lights and obey crossing guards.
- Be careful around parked vehicles. Children who are waiting to cross may be especially difficult to see when standing behind cars.
- Slow down! NYC's speed limit is 25 MPH. A pedestrian struck at 30 MPH is **twice as likely to be killed** than if struck at 25 MPH. A safe turning speed is 5 MPH.
- Drive **ONLY** on the correct side of the road, **even if that means making additional turns** to complete a trade waste stop.
- Stay clear of cross walks, bike lanes, and sidewalks.
- Before making a turn, scan the intersection ahead for potential hazards and then turn slowly.
- **Exercise extreme caution during loading and unloading of waste containers.** This should never occur while the vehicle is moving or while in close proximity to pedestrians and cyclists.

NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has [free resources available online here](#) that may be used for driver training.

Please see [BIC's website here for resources, information, and templates](#) about traffic and vehicle safety rules and requirements.

Together, we can achieve the City's Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic fatalities.

