WHY WASTE COLLECTION IS SO DANGEROUS

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HIT BY VEHICLES
Workers in streets have no protection from passing vehicles.

CUTS & LACERATIONS
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Workers are exposed to diseases through used hypodermic needle “sticks” & vermin bites.

BACK INJURIES
Chronic, potentially disabling back strains are common among workers, resulting in numerous lost-time injuries.

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SLIPS & FALLS
Workers suffer serious head, eye, joint & back injuries due to falls on ice, loose objects & uneven surfaces.

REPETITIVE MOTION & JOINT INJURIES
Workers suffer multiple joint & muscle injuries, some requiring surgery & extensive physical therapy.

NARROW ALLEY DANGERS
Worker injuries multiply in narrow alleys from piled waste & vermin.

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