

APPENDIX 15 – EXTRACT FROM MANUAL FOR STREETS

6.8.8 Reversing causes a disproportionately large number of moving vehicle accidents in the waste/recycling industry. Injuries to collection workers or members of the public by moving collection vehicles are invariably severe or fatal. BS 5906: 2005 recommends a maximum reversing distance of 12 m. Longer distances can be considered, but any reversing routes should be straight and free from obstacles or visual obstructions.

6.8.9 Schedule 1, Part H of the Building Regulations (2000)¹⁷ define locations for the storage and collection of waste. The collection point can be on-street (but see Section 6.8.11), or may be at another location defined by the waste authority. Key points in the Approved Document to Part H are:

- residents should not be required to carry waste more than 30 m (excluding any vertical distance) to the storage point;
- waste collection vehicles should be able to get to within 25 m of the storage point (note, BS 5906: 2005¹⁸ recommends shorter distances) and the gradient between the two should not exceed 1:12. There should be a maximum of three steps for waste

containers up to 250 litres, and none when larger containers are used (the Health and Safety Executive recommends that, ideally, there should be no steps to negotiate); and the collection point should be reasonably accessible for vehicles typically used by the waste collection authority.