

THE RISKS OF SLEEPING IN BINS

How you can help



*Since 2021, rough sleeping
in England has risen by

91%

*Source: Crisis

Rough sleepers are known to reside in waste containers without realising the **serious risks** involved.

What to look for:



Stacked pallets which could be used as a step to climb into the bin



Personal belongings nearby



Waste scattered around the container



Broken padlocks



Lids open that are normally closed

What you can do to help:



Store your bins somewhere secure



Position your bins in a well-lit area



Lock your bins, if they're lockable



Contact **StreetLink** if you suspect a person is sleeping in your bin

A real life case

In December 2024, a person found sleeping in a Grundon bin shared with our driver that as a protective measure, he normally listens for the sound of a diesel engine as a warning. On this occasion, the bin was being serviced by an electric collection vehicle and therefore almost silent.

Fortunately, thanks to the driver's thorough safety checks before emptying, the individual inside was unharmed.

However, this highlights a new and growing challenge for the waste industry: as we transition to quieter, more sustainable collection vehicles, the need for awareness, vigilance, and preventative action becomes even more critical to keeping people safe.

At Grundon, all drivers are trained to check inside bins before tipping. While there are measures our teams take to help prevent such incidents, you can also play a part in keeping people safe.



Please help us keep everyone safe

If you believe a person is sheltering in a bin, let someone know.

If this is a Grundon bin **contact 01491 834311** to make your local depot aware. Our team will carry out the necessary visual checks before your next collection.