

Keeping rough sleepers safe

Together with Cleanaway, we're raising awareness around the dangers of sleeping in bins and connecting any rough-sleeping friends with safer options.

Who is CLEANAWAY

Cleanaway is Australia's leading waste management provider. With a national footprint, they deliver end-to-end solutions for all kinds of waste.

Through innovation and investment, they are living out their mission of making a sustainable future possible together, reducing waste to landfill, cutting emissions, and driving Australia's transition to a circular economy.

Risks of sleeping in bins

It's not uncommon for our friends to find shelter in bins. While large commercial bins might seem like a safe, dry and warmer place to rest, they're dangerous and can result in tragedy for those inside. Here's why:



Early morning collections: Commercial bins are often serviced overnight or in the early hours of the morning - a time when our most vulnerable friends may be seeking shelter inside them.



They go high in the sky: During collection these bins are raised up to 6m in the air and tipped into the truck. If the truck is empty, anything inside the bin will fall onto hard metal flooring.



Powerful compaction blades: Once the bin is emptied, large steel blades immediately begin compacting the waste. While these blades are essential for compressing waste to maximise collection capacities, **they can be fatal if a person is inside.**

Scan this QR to see a video of the collection process and to learn more about how Cleanaway is supporting those sleeping rough.



What we're doing



Cleanaway has supplied us with educational flyers, sock and dry sacks, printed with the campaign's safety messaging which we will collaboratively distribute in specific locations.



They have also donated \$50,000 to support us in continuing to provide and expand our valuable laundry services to those in need.

If you would like to know more about this partnership, please reach out to Georgie McKenzie at partnerships@orangesky.org.au.

Cleanaway has launched a public webpage to raise community awareness, connect people in need with support services and encourage support for our mission. Internally, they're running education and fundraising campaigns, with drivers receiving refresher training to spot and report rough sleeper hotspots.

Keeping our friends safe

If you know someone who is sleeping rough, the services below can provide support:

Backpack Bed[®] for Homeless

Backpack Bed for Homeless offers safer, weather-resistant sleeping options to friends living on the streets. Find your closest collection point by calling **1300 287 4357 (1300 AUS HELP)** or visit their website for more information www.backpackbed.org



Ask Izzy connects you with support for housing, a meal, finances, family violence, counselling and much more. It is free and anonymous, with thousands of services listed across Australia. www.AskIzzy.org.au



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