Two Workers Are Killed Every Month in Trench Collapses!

AN UNPROTECTED TRENCH IS AN EARLY GRAVE

Make sure that trenches are protected from cave-ins by:

- Sloping or benching trench walls, or
- Shoring trench walls with supports, or
- Shielding trench walls with trench boxes.

Inspect trenches at the start of each shift and as needed, throughout the workday.

Provide safe entry and exit through the use of ladders, ramps or stairways.

Know where underground utilities are located before digging.

Keep all equipment, materials and spoil piles at least 2 feet back from trench edges.

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