



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Trench Collapses Can Be Deadly Safety Message

Trench hazards are well-known, yet far too many workers continue to be injured or killed during excavation work. Trench collapses, or cave-ins, are more likely than other excavation-related incidents to result in worker fatalities. It only takes seconds to become buried in thousands of pounds of soil.

- Ensure there is a safe way to enter and exit the trench
- Trenches must have cave-in protection – remember to Slope, Shore, Shield
- Keep materials away from the edge of the trench
- Look for standing water or other environmental hazards, and
- Never enter a trench unless it is properly inspected