

## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



## Preventing Worker Deaths from Trench Cave-ins Safety Message

Workers are at risk of death from cave-ins during trenching and excavation activities. NIOSH recommends engineering controls, protective equipment, and safe work practices to minimize hazards for workers.

The National Institute Occupational Safety Heath (NIOSH) has investigated 16 fatalities from trench cave-ins from 2009 - 2023

Three injuries and OSHA investigations due to improper shoring at Indiana Municipals since 2013