

Working in trenches and excavations is among the most hazardous construction operations and trench cave ins or collapse pose a serious threat to workers lives.

Common Causes of Injury:

Soil collapse or cave-ins.

Workers falling into trench.

Hazardous atmospheres caused by toxic gases, fumes, or vapors entering the trench.

Materials or objects falling into an excavation, such as dirt removed from a trench, or tools and materials.

Damaged underground utilities that can expose workers to explosive or hazardous atmospheres, electrocution, or drowning.

Incidents involving mobile equipment, such as being struck by an excavator.

Safe Work Practices

Locate and mark the exact location of underground utilities prior to digging.

For more information



