



STAY SAFE IN TRENCHES

**EVERY YEAR TRENCH CAVE-INS
CLAIM THE LIVES OF AT LEAST**

**70 US CONSTRUCTION
WORKERS**

Make construction workers' safety a priority with proper training. Remind all jobsite personnel about these safety measures to prevent trench cave-ins.

1.

Train and designate a competent person to ensure safety elements are in place.

2.

Have a competent person evaluate the soil to determine its stability.

3.

Ensure there is a safe way to enter and exit.

4.

Make sure trenches have cave-in protection.

5.

Slope or bench trench walls.

6.

Shore trench walls with supports.

7.

Shield trench walls with trench boxes.

8.

Keep materials away from the edge of the trench.

9.

Look for standing water or other hazards.

10.

Never enter a trench unless it has been properly inspected.

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