

JUNE IS TRENCH SAFETY MONTH!



Safety Training and Protective Systems Save Lives



Trench Safety Stand Down Week | June 14–18, 2021

Trench collapses, or cave-ins, pose the greatest risk to workers' lives.

During National Stand Down to Prevent Trench employers should focus on taking steps to reduce trenching and excavation hazards.

The three “S”s of Trench Safety to help prevent cave-ins are:

- **SLOPE** or bench trench walls
- **SHORE** trench walls with supports, or
- **SHIELD** trench walls with trench boxes



5 Things You Should Know To Stay Safe

1. Ensure that there is a safe entry and exit.
2. Trenches must have cave-in protection.
3. Keep materials away from the edge of the trench.
4. Look for standing water or other hazards
5. Never enter a trench unless it has been inspected