



# SAFETY DIRECTOR MESSAGE



## TRENCH SAFETY STAND-DOWN WEEK RUNS JUNE 19-23, 2023

39 people died in 2023 while doing trench or excavation work in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

[Trench Safety Stand-down \(TSSD\) Week](#) is scheduled for June 19-23, 2023. Each year, the [National Utility Contractors Association \(NUCA\)](#) holds this event to encourage employers to talk to their employees about trench safety and reinforce the importance of utilizing protective systems (e.g., sloping, shoring, and shielding) to safeguard workers from trenching and excavation hazards. The event coincides with Trench Safety Month, which takes place throughout June.

Please utilize the [MSI Safety Director Bulletin Excavation, Trenching, & Shoring Best Practices](#) to discuss the hazards, best practices, and resources available to your agency.