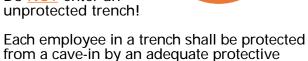


Occupational Safety and Health Administration

## Working safely in trenches

system.

Do **NOT** enter an unprotected trench!



Some of the protective systems for trenches

- Sloped for stability; or
- Cut to create stepped benched grades; or
- Supported by a system made with posts, beams, shores or planking and hydraulic jacks; or





Supported by a trench box to protect workers in a trench.



Additionally, excavated or other materials must be at least 2 feet back from the edge of a trench; and



A safe means of egress shall be provided within 25 feet of workers in a trench.



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