Do Not Work Under Raised Loads

Be Aware of the Fall Zone.
Prevent Trench Cave-Ins

Keep Idle Equipment and Materials Away From Trench Edges.
Prevent Trench Cave-Ins

Use trench boxes at depths of five feet or greater
Competent Person

- Establish clear communication.
- Classify soil. Re-classify if conditions change.
- Inspect excavation before workers enter and throughout the workday.
- Evaluate conditions that affect trench stability.
- Halt work and remove workers if conditions become unsafe.
- Authorize necessary corrective actions if unsafe conditions arise.

Know your roles and responsibilities.

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Inspect Trench and Surrounding Conditions

Environmental hazards can affect trench stability and safety.

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