

	EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN	Date:
	TOOLBOX / TAILGATE TALK	Presenter:

Emergency Response Plan

Introduction

1. Review any accidents or "near accidents" from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the SAFE way of doing the job.
3. Give the Tool box Safety Talk

Trench collapses cause dozens of fatalities and hundreds of injuries each year. Because trench collapse rescues are technical and demanding, it's essential to have an Emergency Response Plan in place before an emergency occurs. Quick and efficient response can save lives. Follow these procedures for emergency preparation;

- Prior to beginning an excavation project, determine and implement procedures for emergency response that is specific for that site. Ensure the plan is part of the overall site safety plan.
- Notify all personnel involved with the project of the emergency response procedures.
- Include at a minimum the following items: procedures for notification of emergency response agencies; responsibilities of individuals on the site; posting of local emergency response agencies; notification of these agencies of the scheduled work prior to commencement; and identification of the nearest accessible telephone, radio, or other methods of communication.
- Where hazardous atmospheric conditions exist or could develop during the course of the work in the excavation,
- Keeps emergency rescue equipment such as a safety harness and line or basket stretcher readily available to personnel working at the excavation site?
- If you are about to be buried in a cave-in, yell to get attention. Cover your face with your arms. Do not struggle to free yourself, just wait calmly for rescue.
- If you are watching someone being buried in a cave-in, do not attempt to rescue them yourself. Never enter the excavation. Follow emergency procedures designated for your work site.
- Review the emergency plan. Make sure new hires and new workers to the site are aware of the emergency response plan



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