

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

PARTNERING WITH TOWNSHIPS

Safety in Excavations or Trenches

Do NOT enter an unprotected excavation or trench!

OSHA regulations REQUIRE the following to be present at ALL excavations or trenches:

Excavations or trenches 5 feet deep or greater require a protective system.

The walls of the excavation or trench MUST be one of the following:

Sloped for stability.



Cut to create stepped or benched grades.



 Supported by a system made with posts, beams, shores or planking and hydraulic jacks.

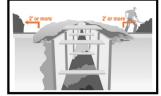




 Supported by a trench box to protect workers in an excavation or trench.



Excavated materials must be at least 2 feet away from the excavation or trench.



 An exit ladder must be within 25 feet of workers.

