

Guidance

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What good looks like – Excavations

Purpose:

The purpose of this guidance document is to show examples of good practice when excavating.

Scope:

This document is for anyone who manages or supervises excavation work.

What good looks like: Excavations

Trench box



Battered trench



Steel piled sheets with welded steel wailings



Access and edge protection system for piled trenches with hydraulic wailing



Key points

- Prevent danger to workers in or near excavations
- Maintain the required precautions: a competent person must inspect excavation supports or battering at the start of the working shift and at other specified times, fully understands the dangers and necessary precautions
- Work should only take place once the excavation is safe.

Links

- [Structural stability during excavations](#)
- [Construction Plant Association](#)
- [Preventing accidents in excavations](#)
- [Excavation: what you need to know](#)

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