

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION:	Construction/delivery site	ALERT STATUS:	Normal
ACTIVITY:	Access & Egress & Working at Height	DATE ISSUED:	15/06/10
SUB ACTIVITY:	N/A	INCIDENT No:	00265

TITLE

Trench Collapse

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

An excavation collapse resulted in the fatality of a subcontractor. The majority of the excavation was to a depth of 1.4m, but at the point of collapse it was 2m deep.

This and recent incidents are reminders that we should not become complacent to the dangers of working in excavations and that a safe system of work must be in place before workers enter excavations.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

BE MINDFUL that relatively shallow excavations can also carry the potential risk of suffocation and crushing.

ALL excavations, regardless of depth, should be assessed by a competent person.

Pay particular ATTENTION to ground stability, changes in ground conditions, adequacy of support and undue loading to the trench edges.

Make sure there is an adequate means of ACCESS/EGRESS

ALWAYS check trench support/alternative safe system of work on a daily basis before work begins.

As work continues KEEP ASSESSING the working environment & have the influencing factors changed?

(see additional pdf document for further details)

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES