Two Workers Are Killed Every Month in Trench Collapses!

One Cubic Yard of Soil Can Weigh As Much As A Car.

AN UNPROTECTED TRENCH IS AN EARLY GRAVE

Make sure that trenches are protected from cave-ins by:
- Sloping or benching trench walls, or
- Shoring trench walls with supports, or
- Shielding trench walls with trench boxes.

Inspect trenches at the start of each shift and as needed, throughout the workday.
- Provide safe entry and exit through the use of ladders, ramps or stairways.
- Know where underground utilities are located before digging.
- Keep all equipment, materials and spoil piles at least 2 feet back from trench edges.

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