Excavators Safe Practices

Safe Work Practices

- Do not begin work on or enter any excavation deeper than 5 feet unless a permit has been issued by Cal/OSHA.
- Walls of trenches and excavations must be shored, benched or sloped to avoid cave-ins.
- Spoils piles must be no closer than 2 feet from the edge of any excavation.
- A safe means of egress must be constructed every 25 feet.
- Excavations must not be dug near building foundations, walls and sidewalks.
- Physical barriers must be erected around excavations.
- Before digging, USA must be contacted if underground utilities are possible, and property owners asked to identify hidden utilities.
- Excavations must proceed slowly for the first 6 feet while a spotter checks for possible utilities.
- Do not ride in power shovels, backhoe buckets or other equipment not designed for this purpose.