

WORKSITE ASSESSMENT

An answer of "NO" to any of the questions below will require appropriate corrective or preventative action.

	YES	NO
Is there a competent person in charge of the trench work?		
Has an emergency action plan been established?		
Has the soil type been determined by a competent person?		
Has shoring, trench box, or sloped trench sides been provided, as appropriate to the type of soil present?		
Does the trench box, if used, extend at least 18 inches above the surrounding area?		
Does the trench box, if used, rest at the bottom or within 2 feet of the bottom of the trench?		
Have ladders or steps been provided within 25 feet of travel from anywhere in the trench?		
Is the trench free of the vibrations of construction equipment, construction operations, traffic, etc.?		
Have work zone safety issues, such as traffic control, high visibility vests been addressed for trench work near roads?		
Is there a warning system for mobile equipment?		
Are stored materials, including excavated materials, kept at least 2 feet back from edge of the trench?		
Are heavy loads of all kinds kept as far away from the trench as possible?		
Are adjacent structures stabilized to prevent collapse?		
Have all underground utilities been located prior to digging?		
Is the trench free of water?		
Has a registered professional engineer approved the procedure for trenches 20 feet deep or deeper?		
Is the trench free of any operations that might create a hazardous atmosphere?		
Are surface crossings, if required, the proper width and fitted with standard handrails?		
Have all workers completed the appropriate trench safety training?		
Is the minimum daily trench inspection documented?		

* Our loss prevention service is advisory only. We assume no responsibility for management or control of contractor's safety activities or for implementation of recommended corrective measures. This document is based on current best work practices and trench safety resources at the time of the visit. We do not ensure identification of all hazards, nor do we warrant that requirements of any federal, state, or local law, regulation or ordinance have or have not been met.

TRENCH SAFETY RESOURCES

UTILITIES LOCATE

Georgia Utilities Protection Center
(800) 282-7411
www.gaupc.com

WEATHER

National Weather Service
(770) 486-8834
www.nws.noaa.gov

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia
(404) 521-2324
www.acecga.org

Associated General Contractors – Georgia Branch
(678) 298-4100
www.agc.org

TRADE ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Safety Engineers – Georgia Chapter
www.asse-ga.org

Associated Builders & Contractors
(770) 587-0955
www.abccga.org

Associated General Contractors – Georgia Branch
(678) 298-4100
www.agc.org

Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association
(770) 454-6400
www.atlantaelectrical.org

Georgia Utility Contractors Association
(404) 362-9995
www.guca.com

National Association of Minority Contractors – Georgia Chapter
(404) 688-6996

National Safety Council
(770) 457-5100
www.nsc.org

UTILITIES LICENSING BOARD

Utilities Division of Construction Industry Licensing Board
(478) 207-1416
www.contractors-license.org

SAFETY TRAINING/CONSULTING

Associated Builders & Contractors
(770) 587-0955
www.abccga.org

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Atlanta Electrical Contractors Association
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Georgia Tech Consultation Program
(404) 894-2646
www.oshainfo.gatech.edu

Georgia Tech OSHA Training Institute
(404) 894-0024
www.oshainfo.gatech.edu

Georgia Utility Contractors Association
(404) 362-9995
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SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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OSHA

OSHA Atlanta East
(770) 493-6644
www.osha.gov

OSHA Atlanta West
(770) 984-8700
www.osha.gov

OSHA Savannah
(912) 652-4393
www.osha.gov