



Time to train your employees for excavation safety?

InTrans/Iowa LTAP is considering offering an excavation safety workshop this year. Are you interested?

Tell us by April 1

If you are interested in sending employees to this workshop, please contact Tom McDonald (515-294-6384, tmcdonal@iastate.edu) with an estimated number of participants by April 1. If enough people are interested, the first workshop location would be Ames. Other sites would be added if the numbers warrant.

About the excavation safety workshop

The workshop explains the hazards of excavation and trenching, how accidents happen, and how worker protective measures should be applied. It's a great way to inform new employees of safety protocol or to update more experienced employees on new safety information.

The workshop covers

- Critical definitions and context for excavation safety
- Soils analysis: testing local soils and handling testing equipment
- Shoring options: a walk through of all the basic systems—sloping, shoring, and shielding

The workshop also provides assurance that all employees at an excavation site are competent and knowledgeable to avoid and prevent possible safety problems. The course covers the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart P-Excavations, of the OSHA standards for the construction industry.

New, highly recommended instructor

Wendell Wood comes highly recommended by past excavation safety workshop instructor Jack Mickle. Wood served as co-chairman of National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) Safety Committee, formed MMJ Services as a training organization recognized by OSHA Training Institute, and was the first president of the Trench Shoring and Shielding Association (TSSA). Wood frequently serves as a consultant to several industry manufacturers, is involved in new product development, is a guest speaker for construction associations on trenching safety, and is the vice chairman of ANSI 10.12 Subcommittee on Construction Safety and Health.

Workshop costs

The registration fee is estimated at \$150 per person, which includes lunch, a manual, additional handouts, and a NUCA Competent Person card for the participant to carry once a test is passed with a grade of 80.

Questions?

If you have questions or interest in participating in this program, contact Tom McDonald, safety circuit rider, 515-294-6384, tmcdonal@iastate.edu.

Contact Tom McDonald by April 1 to indicate interest