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SECOND HALF | PREVENTION

TRENCH WORK
CHECK STABILITY



Do not enter a trench until safe conditions are confirmed.

1. Hazards and risks

Hazards: Unstable soil, buried services and loads near the edge.

Risks: Burial, falls, flooding or contact with services.

2. Before you start

- Locate buried services before digging.
- Ask a competent person to check conditions.
- Confirm access, isolation and emergency arrangements.

3. Stop and report

- Cracks, loose soil or accumulated water.
- Displaced protection or loads threatening the edge.
- Unknown service: stop and request assessment.

4. What to do: four prevention steps

1

Plan

Check soil, services and method.

2

Protect

Ensure stability and isolation.

3

Check

Confirm conditions before entering.

4

Stop

Leave and report any change.

5. Choose the right preventive measure

Situation	Preventive measure
Stability	Use the solution specified for soil, geometry and loads.
Access	Provide safe entry and exit without improvising.
Edges / traffic	Control loads, materials, vehicles and other people.
Changes / emergency	Reassess after rain or change; do not improvise rescue.

Good practice: Depth alone does not guarantee safety. In a collapse, raise the alarm and call 112; do not enter unstable ground to attempt rescue.

6. FORTNIGHTLY ACTION Before entering a trench, check protection, access and who verified conditions. If in doubt, do not enter.

CONFIRM • PROTECT • DO NOT ENTER IF IN DOUBT

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