

Excavating Safety

Handout

- Protections are in place against its identified hazards.
- Utilities are working with your employer to protect you and the utility lines.
- Water won't enter the excavation.
- Adjacent structures are stable or supported.
- Testing has identified any air contaminants or oxygen deficiencies.
- Assigned personal protective equipment fits and is in good condition.
- Loose rock or soil has been removed or held back.
- A sturdy exit or entrance is in place.
- Excavation sides are sloped, benched, shored, or shielded.
- Walkways are in place for crossing over the excavation.
- Materials are at least 2 feet away from the hole's edge or behind barricades.
- A competent person inspected the hole and found it safe for work.

