

Emergency Response Procedure for Excavation Incidents

1. Purpose

To outline immediate steps to be taken in the event of an emergency during excavation activities, ensuring the safety of personnel and minimizing risks.

2. Scope

This procedure applies to all personnel involved in excavation operations at the worksite.

3. Emergency Types

- Cave-ins or collapse
- Contact with underground utilities
- Hazardous atmosphere exposure
- Entrapment or injury
- Flooding or water ingress

4. Immediate Actions

1. Stop all work and evacuate the excavation area immediately.
2. Alert others in the vicinity to the emergency situation.
3. Account for all personnel involved in excavation.

5. Notification

1. Contact site supervisor or emergency coordinator.
2. Call emergency services (provide location and details of the incident).
3. Notify safety officer and relevant company personnel.

6. First Aid & Rescue

1. Do **not** attempt rescue if it is unsafe or beyond your training.
2. Provide first aid only if it is safe to do so.
3. Wait for qualified emergency responders for advanced rescue operations.

7. Site Control

1. Restrict access to the excavation and surrounding area.
2. Set up physical barriers and clear signage.

8. Post-Incident

1. Do not resume excavation until cleared by competent authority.
2. Assist in incident investigation and reporting.
3. Review and update safety procedures as necessary.

9. Emergency Contacts

- Emergency Services: 911
- Site Supervisor: _____
- Safety Officer: _____
- First Aid: _____

