Excavations & Trenching

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Loose materials should be removed from trenches through a meticulous scaling procedure.

All excavations must be fully barricaded with sturdy constructions.
Excavations should not be used as temporary landfills.

Employees shall not work in excavations where there is accumulated water, or where water is accumulating, unless adequate precautions have been taken, to protect employees (Adapted from the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute excavation & trenching training module).
Trench boxes should be applied at all cases where loose materials are present; improvisations may end up being lethal.