

Ground Disturbance

This is work that involves a man-made cut, cavity, trench or depression in the earth's surface formed by earth. Removal cannot proceed unless:

- A hazard assessment of the work site is completed by the competent person(s)
- All underground hazards (i.e. pipelines, electric cables, etc.) have been identified, located and, if necessary, isolated

Where persons are to enter an excavation:

- A confined space entry permit shall be issued if the entry meets the confined space definition
- Ground movement is controlled and collapse is prevented by systematically shoring, sloping, benching, etc. as appropriate.
- Ground and environmental conditions are continuously monitored for change

Are you trained and competent to perform this work? You have an obligation to stop the work if it's unsafe.