

10 GROUND DISTURBANCE



Prior to initiating ground disturbance, the proper location of underground lines and utilities needs to be established and appropriate personnel should be contacted. Other steps, such as conducting soil classification tests, air monitoring for potential hazardous atmospheres, etc. need to be completed.

Protective systems (sloping, shoring, etc.) should be determined in order to prevent cave-ins for worker protection. The excavations and trenches should be inspected daily, prior to worker entry, and/or any other time necessary; steps must be taken to eliminate all hazards immediately.

- I complete utility check or ground scan prior to initiating ground disturbance.
- I ensure personnel are protected from cave-ins during excavation.
- I keep material and equipment at least 2 feet from the edge of an excavation.
- I ensure barricades are provided for excavation.

