

Advice Note – Edge Protection - Excavations



These Advice Notes have been prepared in order to share current good practice with respect to various construction activities

- Ensure all accessible edges of excavations are appropriately protected
- Edge protection should be secure and capable of withstanding the force of an individual falling. In addition to edge protection, visible hazard warning measures such as traffic cones and safety tape should be used
 - Edge protection should be upright and horizontally continuous containing no gaps
 - Edge protection should be installed and maintained by competent personnel only



- While working on excavations ensure adequate protection is in place around the excavation
- Edge perimeter of all excavations should be fully protected before close of work each day
 - This also applies to any short intervals throughout a working day when an excavation may be left unattended; e.g. Lunch breaks

For further information refer to Regulations 55 and 56 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006

See overleaf for examples...

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Unsafe Practices



Good Practices



This document contains examples on good practice which are not compulsory but which you may find helpful in considering what you need to do.

For further information on Health and Safety related issues go to www.hsa.ie