



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



OSHA Standards Safety Message

1926.652 - Requirements for protective systems. (Excavations)

1926.652(a)

Protection of employees in excavations.

1926.652(a)(1)

Each employee in an excavation shall be protected from cave-ins by an adequate protective system designed in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c) of this section except when:

1926.652(a)(1)(i)

Excavations are made entirely in stable rock; or

1926.652(a)(1)(ii)

Excavations are less than 5 feet (1.52m) in depth and examination of the ground by a competent person provides no indication of a potential cave-in.