



National  
Operational  
Guidance

## Control measure

**Safe system of work: Unstable or  
collapsed excavations**



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## TRAINING SPECIFICATION

### Knowledge and understanding

#### Control measure element

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#### Learning outcome

Understand:

- The activity requirements for an incident involving an unstable or collapsed excavation
- The safe working practices to be adopted at incidents involving unstable or collapsed excavations

### Practical application

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#### Learning outcome

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Use agreed safe working practices around unstable or collapsed excavations
- Seek and use appropriate advice to assess the stability of an unstable or collapsed excavation
- Put in place appropriate emergency arrangements when working in the hazard area
- Identify and communicate the type of excavation
- Identify and communicate the type, height and angle of the excavation will affect stability