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# Excavation Sites

## ENSURING WORKPLACE SAFETY

This document has been prepared by the Building Department to emphasize the importance of workplace safety on construction sites and focuses on safe construction practices during excavation.

**Background:** In 2019, a mandatory coroner's inquest was called as a result of the death of 56-year-old Michael LaVigne from Toronto in a construction accident which included the collapse of an excavation. The jury made various recommendations to create additional safeguards during excavations. In support of the recommendations and with the safety of our citizens in mind, we are providing you with resources designed to educate and inform on how to ensure workplace safety on sites with excavations.

### Ensuring Safety during Excavation

Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development

- [Excavation Hazards Fact Sheet](#)
- [Trench Digging and Excavation Video](#)

Infrastructure Health and Safety Association

- [Your Guide to Construction Health and Safety Legislation – Excavation](#)
- [Trenching and Excavation Info Page](#)

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

- [Trenching and Excavation Fact Sheet](#)

### Understanding the Occupational Health and Safety Act

- [Guide to the Occupational Health and Safety Act](#)
- [Guide for Health and Safety Committees and Representatives](#)
- [Constructor Guideline: Health and Safety](#)
- [Health and Safety for Small Businesses](#)

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