

## SAFETY TOOL BOX MEETING

### NO 27- EXCAVATIONS

Do not dig your own grave “dig” the rules

1. Before digging make sure the electric, water, gas and other services have been located and marked clearly and the Al Khodari Permit to Dig has been obtained.
2. All excavations MUST be assessed for the need for support of being battered/benched to a safe angle.
3. Ladders must be used for access and egress from excavations, do not climb on the supports
4. Warning barriers must be placed around all shallow excavations and scaffold or adequate timber barriers must be provided around deep excavations i.e. 2 meters or deeper.
5. All reinforcement starter bars in excavations (any depth) must be protected to prevent the possibility of puncture injuries.
6. Keep spoil heaps, materials, tools and vehicles away from edges of excavations
7. All exposed services must be adequately protected from damage.
8. When tipping into excavations, secured stop blocks are required to prevent vehicle running into the excavation.
9. Do not jump across excavations; provide bridge access ways with guardrails.
10. Do not alter or remove any support unless it is covered in your method statement and it is safe to do so.
11. Ensure your excavation is examined at least daily and recorded in the site inspection register.
12. Check that the excavation has been assessed to be classed as a confined space or not. If so get a Permit to Enter from Al Khodari.
13. Always follow the Al Khodari Excavation Procedure.

I have given the above talk to all men under my control.

Signed:

Company  
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