



## Construction site safety and WorkSafeBC PL1, 1992, Amended 2010 Policy

Field inspection staff are instructed to observe WorkSafeBC regulations in regards to entry into areas not properly sloped or shored.

“No workers shall enter an excavation over 1.2m (4 ft.) in depth unless:

- The sides of the excavation are sloped to a safe angle. In no case shall the slope be steeper than three horizontal or four vertical.
- The sides have been supported by use of sheet piling or shoring and bracing.
- A combination of both slopes and shoring is used.
- The sides of the excavation have been sloped or supported in accordance with written instructions or a professional engineer.”

If unable to complete a required municipal inspection due to unsafe excavation conditions the following is applicable:

- Review inspection situation and attempt to seek an alternative way to inspect work.
- Politely explain the reason why you cannot perform the inspection.
- Advise that the unsafe condition be corrected before the inspection can be checked for acceptance or rejection, and that work is not to proceed or be covered until inspected.
- Advise that a WorkSafe Officer be consulted for conformance to their regulations, or the aforementioned written professional engineer’s acceptance instructions.

This policy will be attached to all permits issued that require excavation.

- Occupation Health and Safety (OHS) regulation – Part 20 – Construction, Excavation and Demolition.