

New Trench Safety Regulations to Protect the Public Become Law

Excavation & Trench Safety Regulation 520 CMR 14.00

This new Public Safety regulation is required by statute and is designed to prevent the general public from falling into an unattended trench and suffering an injury or fatality.

Beginning on **January 1, 2009** all excavators must obtain a permit prior to the creation of a trench made for a construction-related purpose on public or private land or rights-of-way in accordance with **CHAPTER 82A** of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The definition of an **EXCAVATOR** – Any entity including, but not limited to, a person, partnership, joint venture, trust, corporation, association, public, utility, company or state or local government body or public agency which performs excavation operations including the excavation of trenches.

The Engineers Training Center in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety will hold a two-hour seminar at the Canton Training Center to explain these **NEW REGULATIONS**. This is a **MUST** For all our operators who put a bucket into the dirt.

Call the Engineers Training Center at 781-821-0306 to attend this **IMPORTANT SEMINAR**.

Be Safe,

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