

# SAFETY ALERT

## Incident Title:

Partial Trench Collapse – Notifiable

## Date of Incident:

July 2016

## Details:

A worker entered a 'NO GO ZONE' area and went behind the safety webbing which delineated the 'NO GO ZONE' area from the 3 metre trench. He then walked past the excavator operator's 'blind side' into the excavation works. The worker felt the ground subside and he slid into the trench and became partially covered to his waist.

This was a Notifiable Event and Safe Work SA was contacted immediately.



## RECOMMENDATIONS:

Contractors to ensure they manage the risk to health and safety associated with excavations. Control measures could include barricades, spotters, signage and instruction.

## ACTIONS TAKEN:

A SWMS Toolbox session was held soon after this incident.

Safe Work SA undertook an investigation and was satisfied with the immediate follow-up actions taken by the site's Principal Contractors.

Additional 'NO GO ZONE' signage was placed onto the safety webbing as recommended.

## CONTROL METHODS:

Additional 'NO GO ZONE' signage placed onto safety webbing.

## LESSONS:

Ensure you are aware of any site hazards and adhere to all site instructions including high risk SWMS.