

EXCAVATION CHECKLIST

Is the type of earthmoving plant selected suitable for the work that needs to be performed? Consider WLL and machine weight.

Has a competent person conducted a documented inspection of the excavation site prior to starting work?

Has relevant information, training, and instructions been provided to workers who are required to install or work with the shoring system?

Has a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) been prepared?

If required, has an underground asset management plan been obtained? This information can be obtained from Before You Dig, which is a free enquiry service information on underground assets.

If the excavation is located near other plant or structures, are there control measures in place to prevent injury to workers and damage to property?

Have appropriate exclusion zones been established around the excavation?

Has the correct excavation support system, like a Shoring Box, been nominated and is it ready to be installed?

Is the risk of people falling into the excavation adequately controlled? Consider edge protection and fall arrest systems.

Is there an access/egress system ready to be installed if shoring or similar is being used?

If there are additional hazards or risks associated with the excavation work, have they been adequately managed?

WHAT TO DO NEXT? If you are in need of any equipment for your excavation such as; shoring, edge protection, fall arrest systems, and more please contact 1300 SHORE HIRE or visit our website. If you answered 'no' to any of the items during the assessment, further action should be taken.