



SAFETY ALERT!

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This service is provided by the Building Industry Association of Tulare/Kings Counties Safety Committee. Alerts are designed to provide our members with quick safety information that shows a link between the lack of safe practices, injuries or fatalities that resulted, and penalties affirmed. Below is a list of fatalities that have occurred during the week of April 21.

Trench Collapse – Fatality

28 year old excavation worker was killed in Madera after a trench wall collapsed and buried him to the neck in dirt. Co-workers, including his brother, took 3 – 4 minutes to dig him out, but it was too long. The 12-foot trench reportedly had no shoring.

Safety Technique to Avoid: stabilize the trench walls with shoring, benching / sloping, or shielding / box.

Fall - Fatality

A carpenter died after falling 15 feet from the second-floor decking to the ground and struck a concrete planter.

Safety Technique to Avoid: fall protection (the Federal OSHA limit is 6 feet).

Electrocution – Fatality

An employee was electrocuted when changing a fluorescent light bulb on a company sign when he made contact with a live electrical circuit.

Safety Technique to Avoid: lockout / blockout (de-energizing to prevent injury / fatality from inadvertent contact).

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