

## Category 2: Implement Safe (Digging) Excavating Practices

Category 2: Implement Safe (Digging) Excavating Practices covers the minimum training and assessment required for those working to safely excavate and maintain holes and trenches using both hand tools and hand held power tools. The standard has been derived from the following National Occupational Standards:

- EUSEPUS043 Carry out Excavation Work on Underground Cables in Electricity Power Environment
- EUSMUNC07 Excavate and Maintain Holes and Trenches for Utility Networks Construction
- EUSGNC007 Excavate and Maintain Holes and Trenches for Complex Operations in Gas Network Construction

It also incorporates the relevant requirements of HSE guidance documents:

- HSG47 Avoiding Danger from Underground Services
- HSG150 Health and Safety in Construction

Achievement of the standard demonstrates effective performance, by being able to demonstrate the following skills and knowledge:

- Interpret utility drawings and line search documents to identify underground services
- Use safe digging techniques to carry out and maintain excavations
- Identify the dangers and hazards associated with excavations



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