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July 18 CONN-OSHA Trenching & Excavation Workshop Offers Guidance for Worksite Safety

WETHERSFIELD, June 28, 2018 – Employees in the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA) will sponsor a 10 a.m. to noon July 18 Trenching & Excavation workshop at the agency’s Central Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

According to CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist John Able who will facilitate the session, the proper excavation process will be discussed, the necessary skill level to do this type of work, and an overview of federal guidelines – *29 CFR 926.650-652*.

“Studies show that excavation work is one of the most hazardous types of work done in the construction industry,” Able notes. “The primary concern in excavation-related work is the cave-in; these are much more likely to be the cause of fatalities compared to any other construction-related accident.”

Admission to the event is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at john.able@ct.gov to register, additional information, or if special accommodations are needed.

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