



Competent Person and Excavation Safety Workshop

May 23–24, 2023



MMUA Training Center
Marshall, MN

2023 Competent Person and Excavation Safety Workshop Overview

This course is intended for public works personnel, water/wastewater personnel, lineworkers, engineering personnel, contract workers, and anyone involved with underground utility or infrastructure work.

“Competent Person” defined

The OSHA Construction Standard (29 CFR 1926.32) defines a “competent person” as someone who is:

- Capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings, or
- Working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and
- Who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.

Course Content

Participants will be taught the basics of OSHA’s excavation standards (29 CFR 1926—Subpart P), learn about soil testing, use soil information to determine the correct protective system needed, and learn to identify the hazards associated with trenching and excavation.

Digging around natural gas and high voltage power lines is a very critical process and needs to be done with extreme care. Students will also learn the proper techniques when digging around these obstacles.

This workshop includes classroom and hands-on instruction/demonstration to ensure participants can obtain the designation of a Competent Person at the end of this workshop.

Course Topics & Objectives to Obtain Competent Person Designation:

- Display knowledge of 29 CFR 1926—Subpart P - Excavations
- Demonstrate correct soil-testing procedures
- Identify hazards associated with trenching and excavations
- Understand and utilize the different types of protective systems
- Understand proper “pot holing practices”
- Gas and powerline excavation

Hotel information

The AmericInn and EverSpring Inn (formerly Ramada) offer special pricing for participants. Ask for MMUA’s reduced rate when booking. Visit [MMUA’s website](#) for more information.



Schedule

Tuesday, May 23

12:00-1:00	Registration/check-in
1:00-1:15	Welcome
1:15-3:00	Competent person/excavation safety
3:00-4:30	Excavation around/exposing natural gas and power lines

Wednesday, May 24

8:00-12:00	Trench excavation safety: shoring, benching, and sloping
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:45	Trench excavation safety (continued)
2:45-4:00	Q&A and debrief

Schedule subject to change.

About the instructor: Andy Smoka

Andy Smoka is a former MN OSHA principal safety consultant and foremost expert on this subject. Plus United Rentals will provide additional expertise on equipment.



What to bring

Because some of the training will take place outside of the classroom, participants must have the proper PPE, including:

- High-visibility clothing/outerwear
- Hard hat
- Safety glasses
- Work gloves
- Work boots

Date: May 23–24, 2023
Location: MMUA Training Center
1004 Michigan Road
Marshall, MN 56258

Attendee Information

Name: _____
Email: _____
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Utility/Co. _____
Primary Contact: _____
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Phone: _____

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QUESTIONS? Contact Theresa Neddermeyer by email at tneddermeyer@mmua.org or call 763-551-1230.

Registration Fee (by April 10)

- Member - \$360 per person
- Non-member - \$510 per person

NOTE: Registration fees increase \$50 per person on April 11.

Deadline to register: April 21.

Registration Fee: \$ _____

x Number of Attendees: _____

Total Due \$ _____

Payment Options

- Check Payable to MMUA
- Bill Utility/Company
- Purchase order _____
- Credit Card*
- Visa MasterCard Discover

*If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact our office at 763-551-1230.

Or if you prefer that we contact you, please indicate the phone number that we should contact you at:

REFUND: MMUA will issue a refund (less \$35 processing fee per person) provided MMUA is notified of the cancellation by 4:30 pm on April 21. Sorry, no refunds after April 21, 2023.

Registering is Easy!

Online: www.mmua.org/event/excavation-2023

Email: tneddermeyer@mmua.org

