Trenching, falls and scaffold violations cause hundreds of PREVENTABLE construction fatalities each year. You can help save someone's life. If you witness the violations featured on the front of this sheet at your jobsite, tell your union steward, then your safety director and get it corrected IMMEDIATELY! If they will not correct it, call your business agent and get them involved. While the violation is being addressed, offer to do other work, but DO NOT work in dangerous situations. Accidents involving trenches, scaffolds or falls can occur in seconds. Your job is not worth your life.

If you witness these violations at an unrepresented jobsite, call OSHA ASAP and report it. A list of area office phone numbers is at right. When you call them, be prepared to give details (be specific, if you can, on the OSHA standard violated, the location of the site, the contractor's name and any other details, such as the number of people in danger). A digital photo is very helpful. In most cases OSHA will inspect as soon as possible. It will respond even sooner if there is an "imminent danger" situation, like a scaffold or trench in danger of collapse, where workers could get injured and/or killed at any time.

If we are ever going to stop construction workers from getting killed on the job, it will require all of us to use our eyes and ears to help OSHA find those places where workers are in danger. Please do your part to get these problems fixed.

You may be Saving a Life Today.
Traffic is within close proximity to the edge of the trench (1926.651(d)).

The spoils pile is less than two feet away from the edge of the trench (1926.651(j)(2)).

The vertical wall is not sloped or shored (1926.652(a)).

This trench excavation of more than four feet does not have a stairway, ladder, ramp or other means of egress (1926.651(c)(2)).

This trench does not have any shoring and/or sloping (1926.652(a)).

Worker outside trench box is exposed to cave-ins (1926.652(a)(1)).