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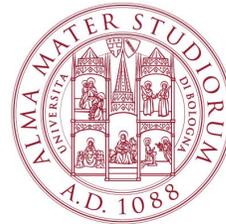
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# FEEDBACK ON THE PLATFORM

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## Reminder! last lesson we asked you...

*Which chemical products do you use most during your work?*



**You brought with you the products you use most?**

You will use them at the end of the lesson during a group exercise

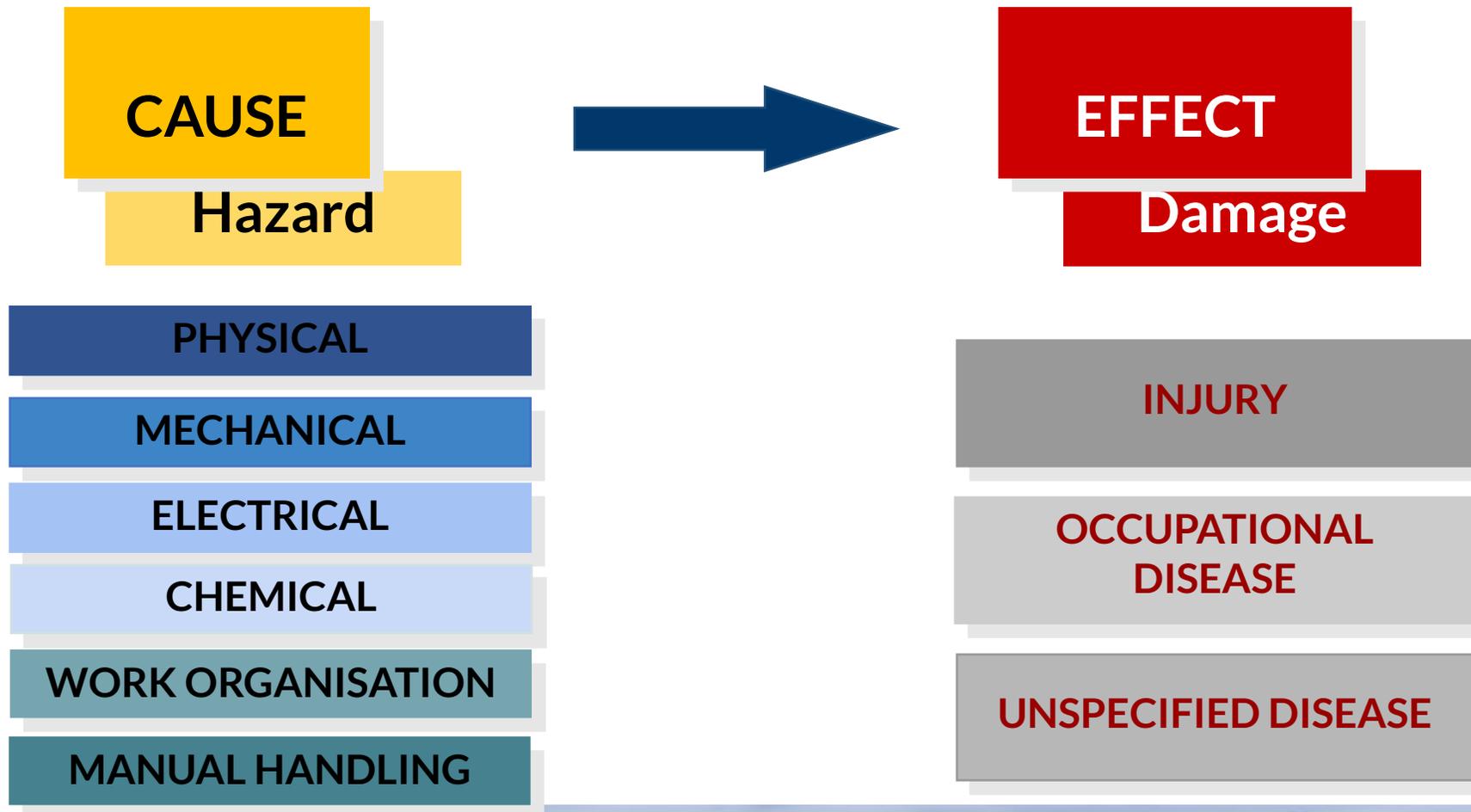


# Today we will talk about:

-  Mechanical hazards, electrical hazards, machinery, equipment
-  Hazards of falling from height and explosions during digging
-  Physical hazards, noise, vibration in the workplace
-  Chemical hazards

-  Situation awareness
-  Communication
-  Decision making

# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RISK AND DAMAGE



## NTS definitions: decision making

The precise decision concerns the ability to *formulate judgments and/or reach a choice* by evaluating the options available on the basis of safety.



# How to decide which behaviours are safe



Choose to operate with the lowest possible risk



Prioritise safety over productivity (even when they are in conflict)

Choose not to operate if the risk is not manageable



Prioritise safety over speed (even when they are in conflict)



# FALLING FROM HEIGHT HAZARD





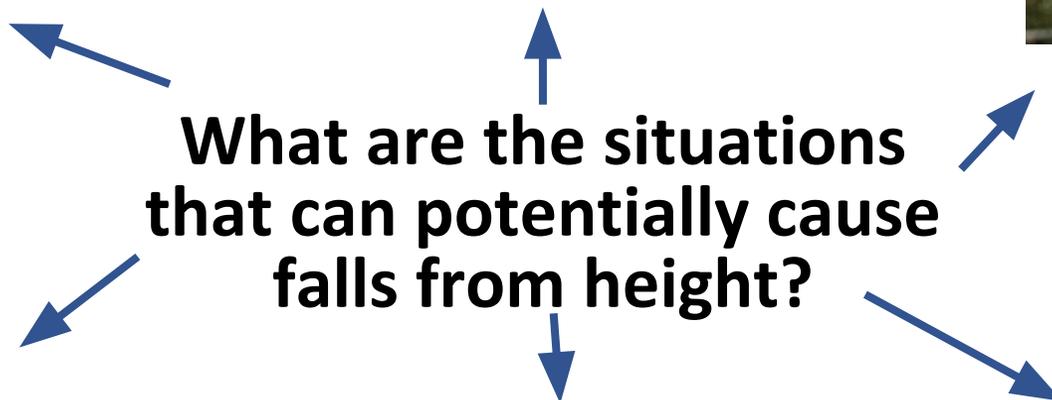
HEAVY LIFTING



DEMOLITIONS



WORK ON ROOFS



EXCAVATIONS



USE OF LADDERS



DRAWBRIDGE



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# Plenary exercise

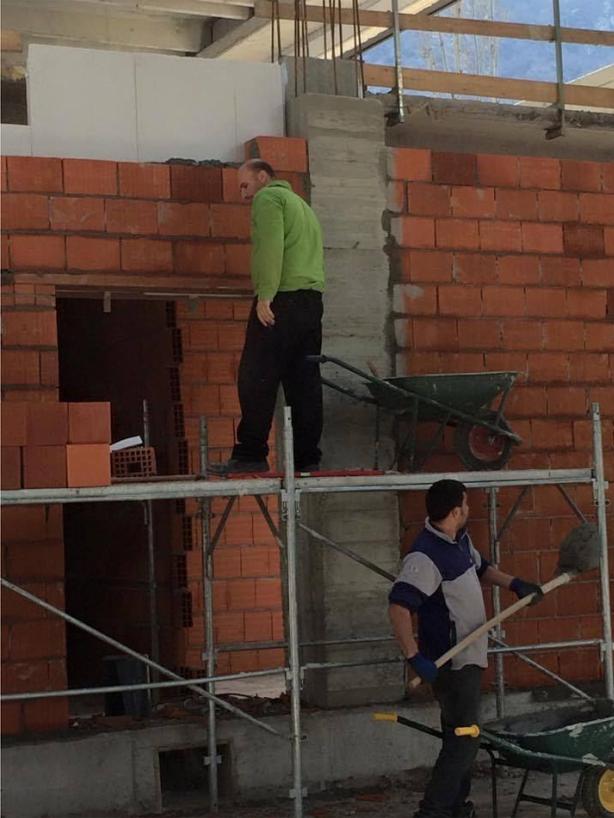
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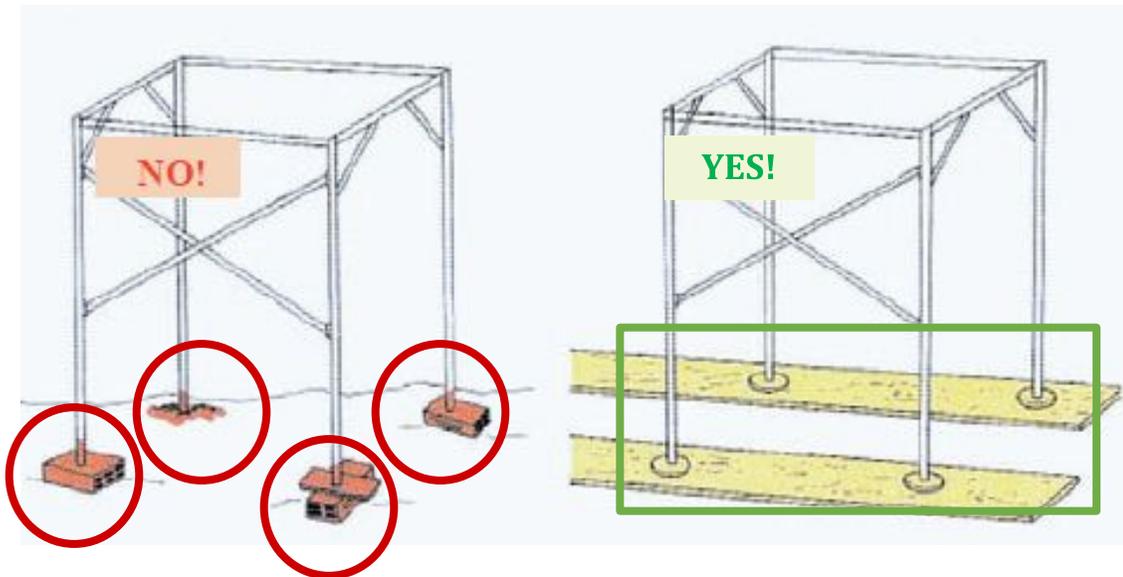


# How to reduce the level of risk when working at heights?



**Above 2 meters** it is necessary to set up adequate **protection measures!**

# Falling from height risk

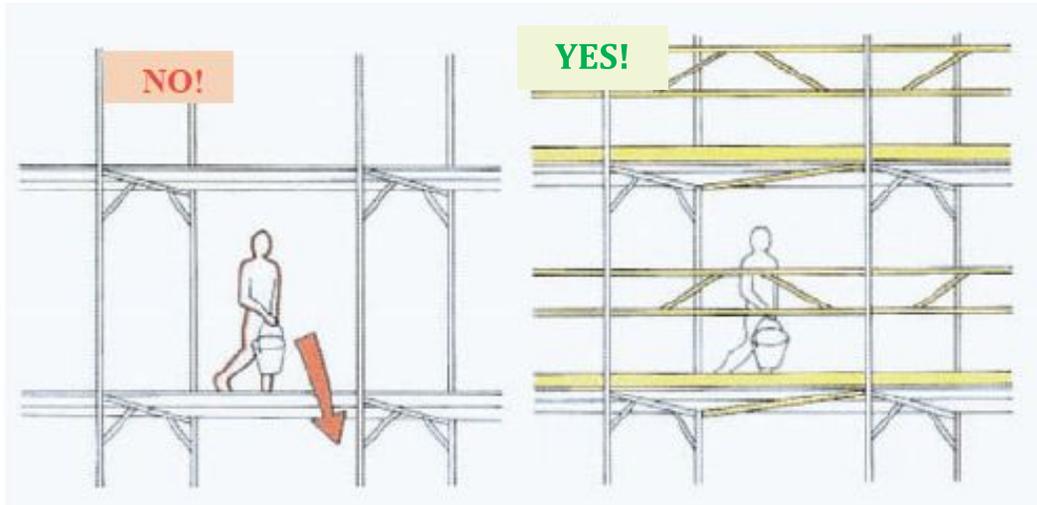


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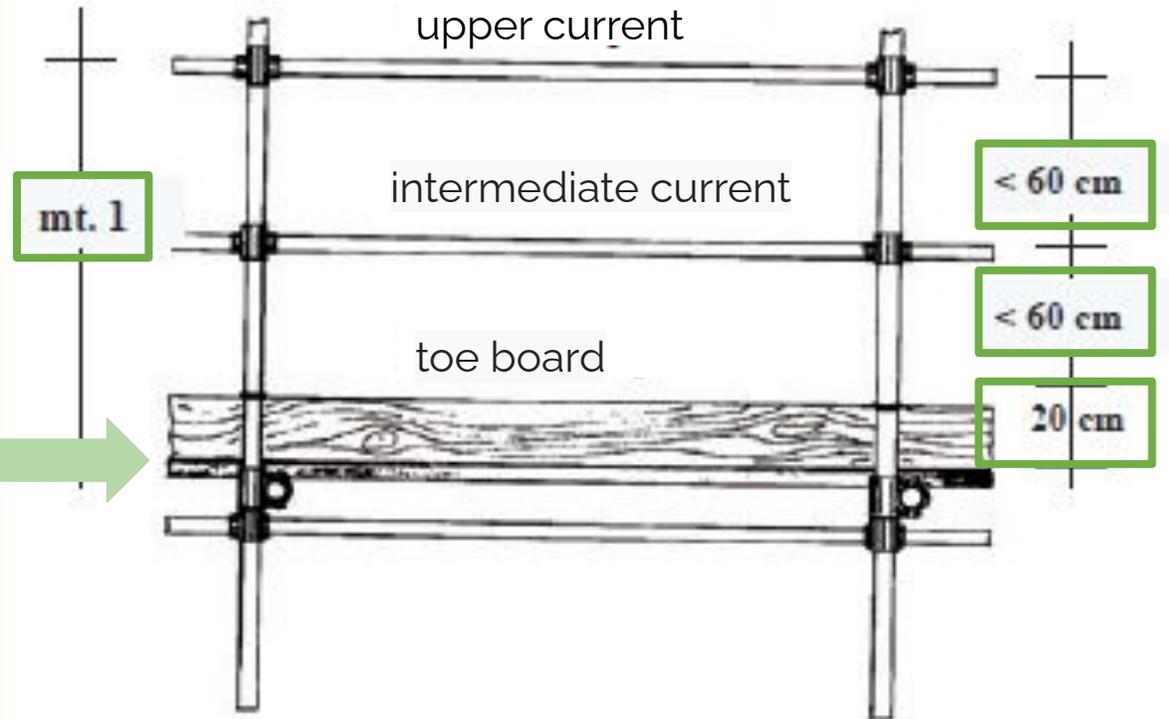
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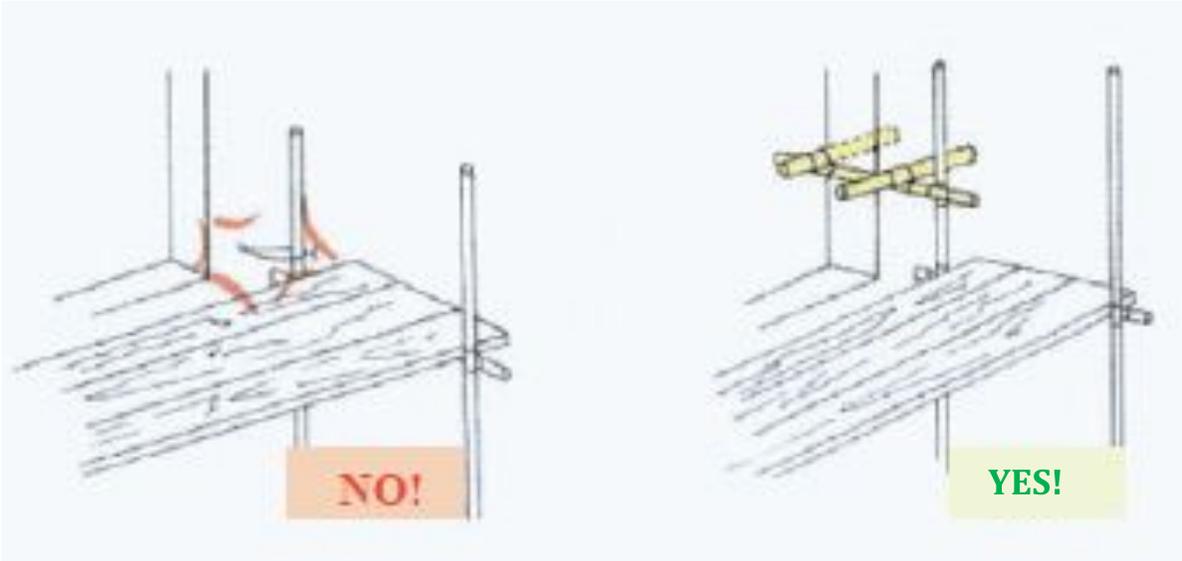
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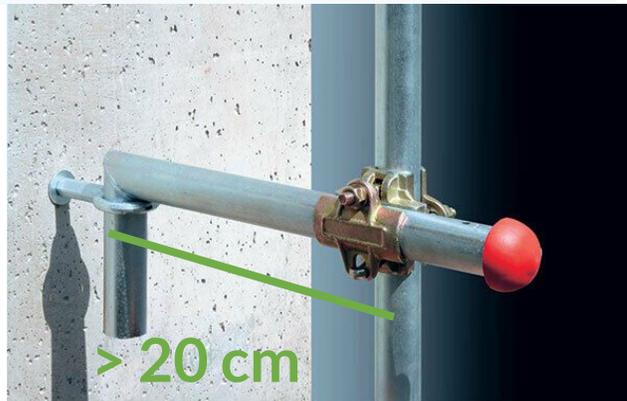


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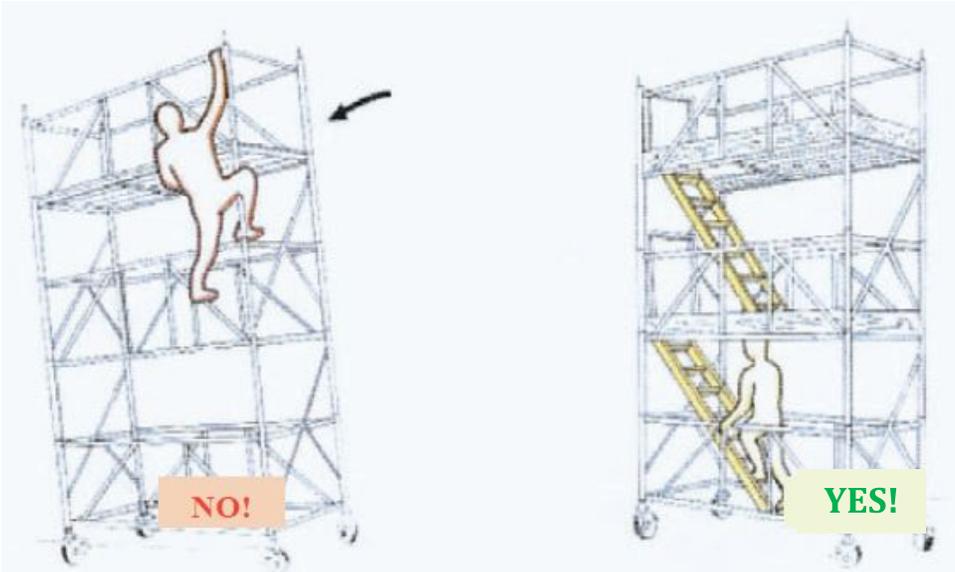


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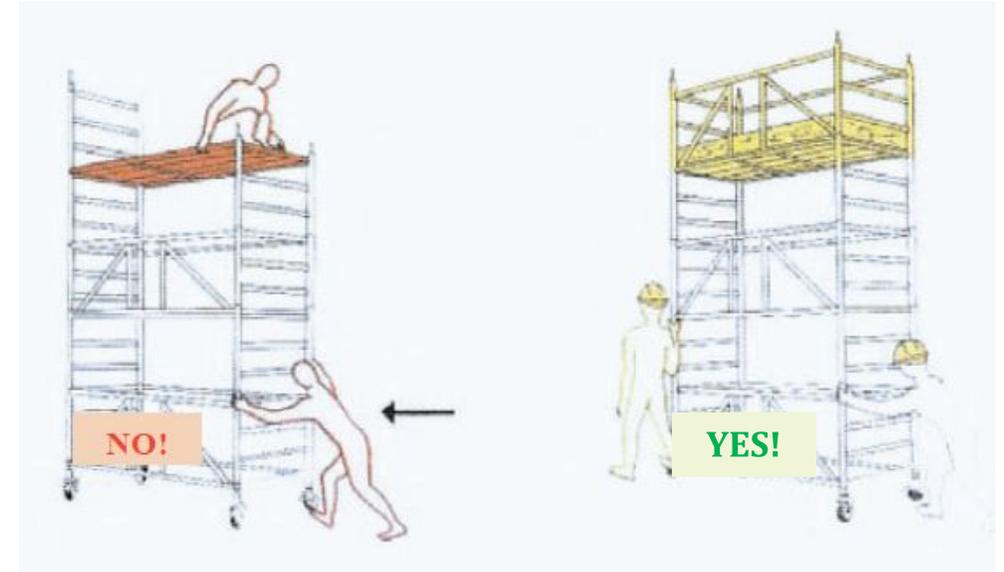
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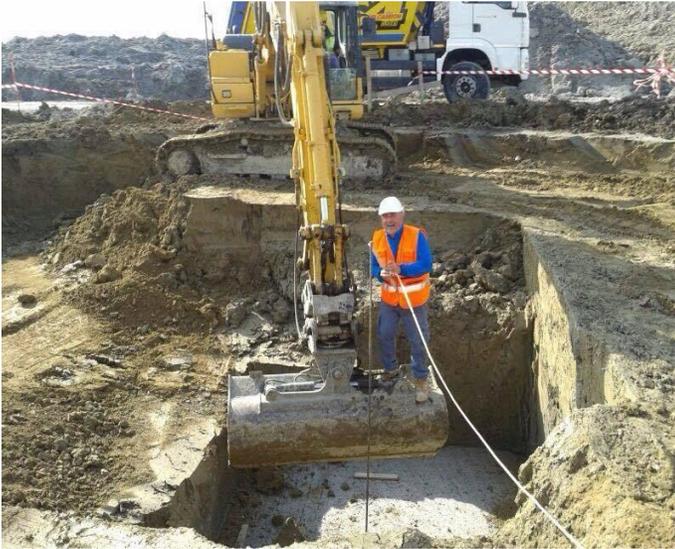


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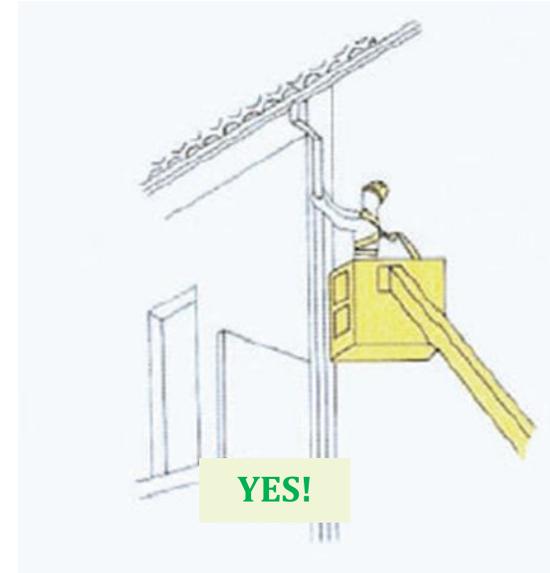


**Do not move with people on it!**

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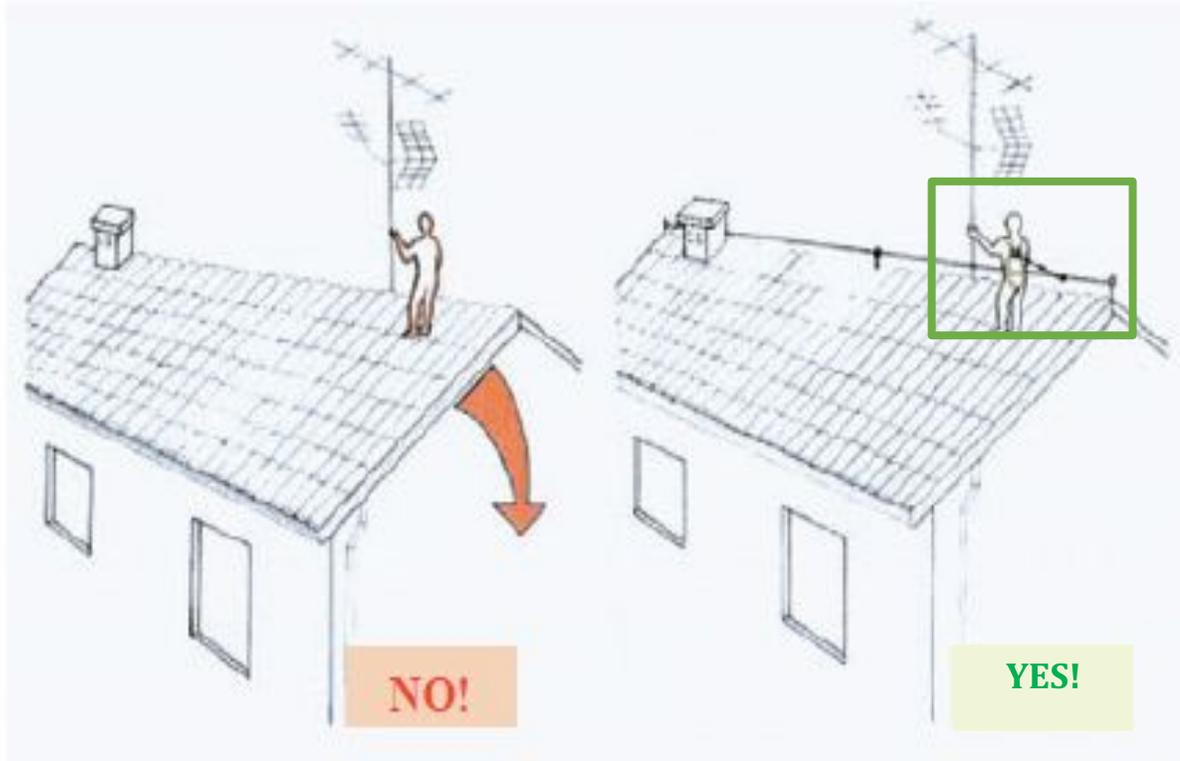


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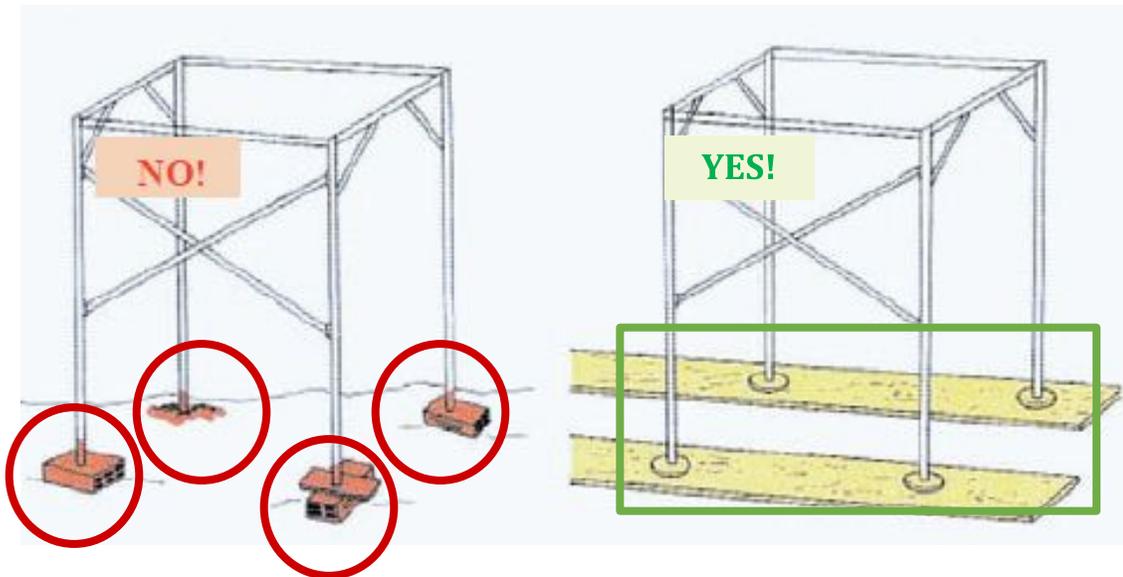
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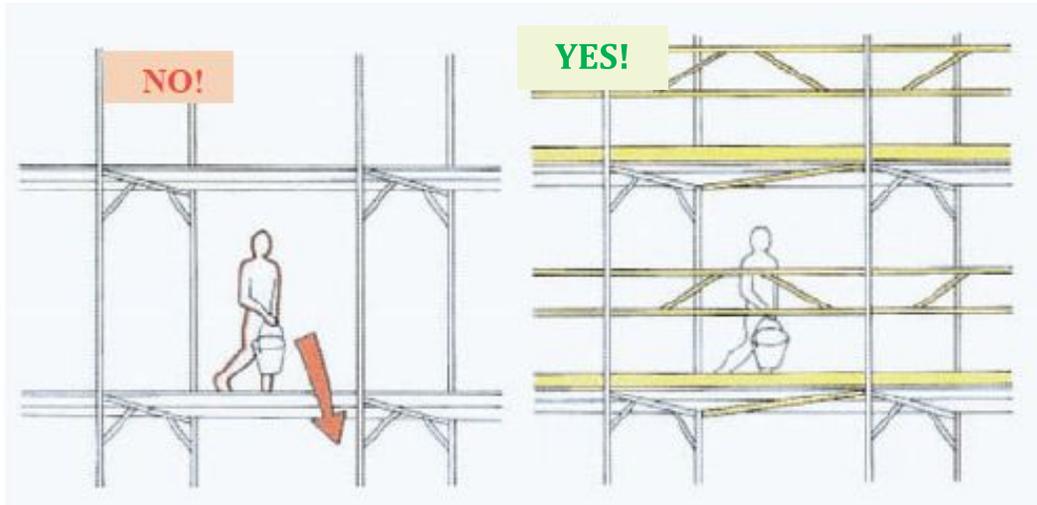
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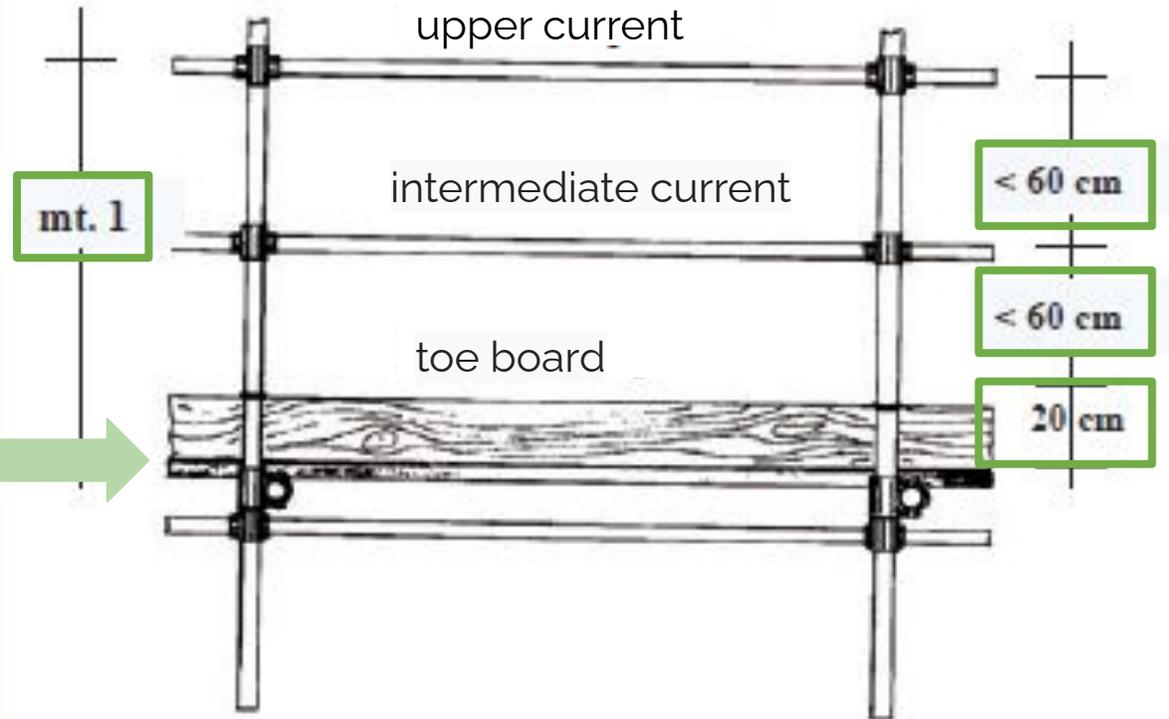
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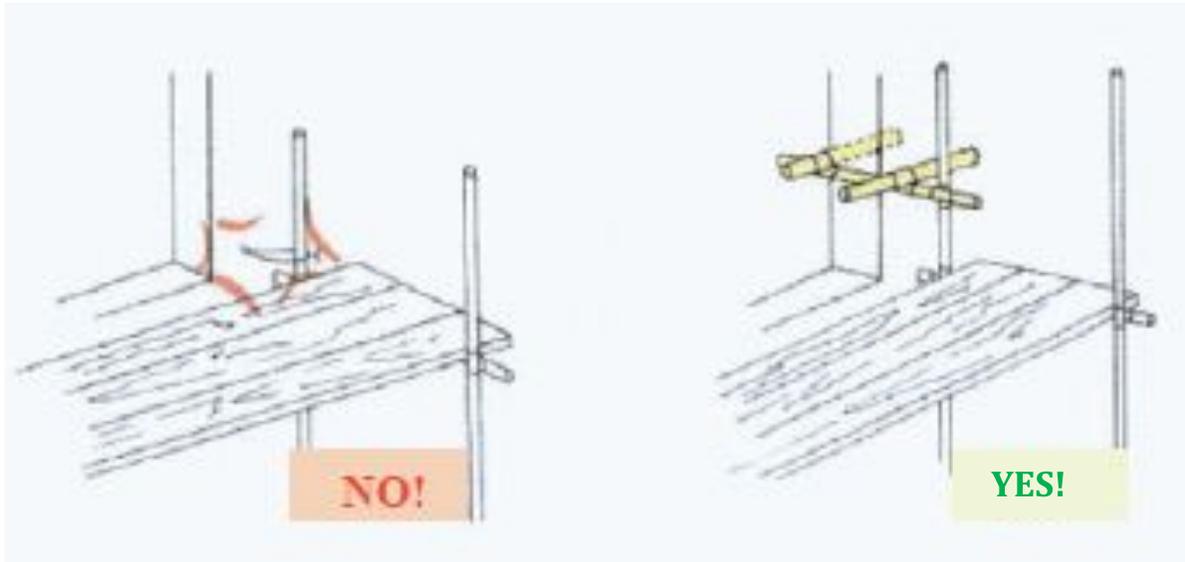
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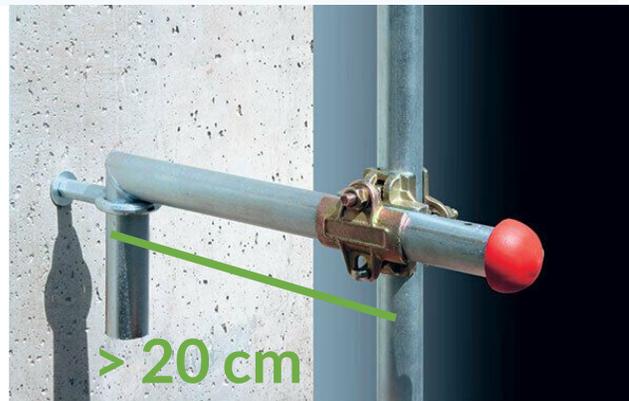


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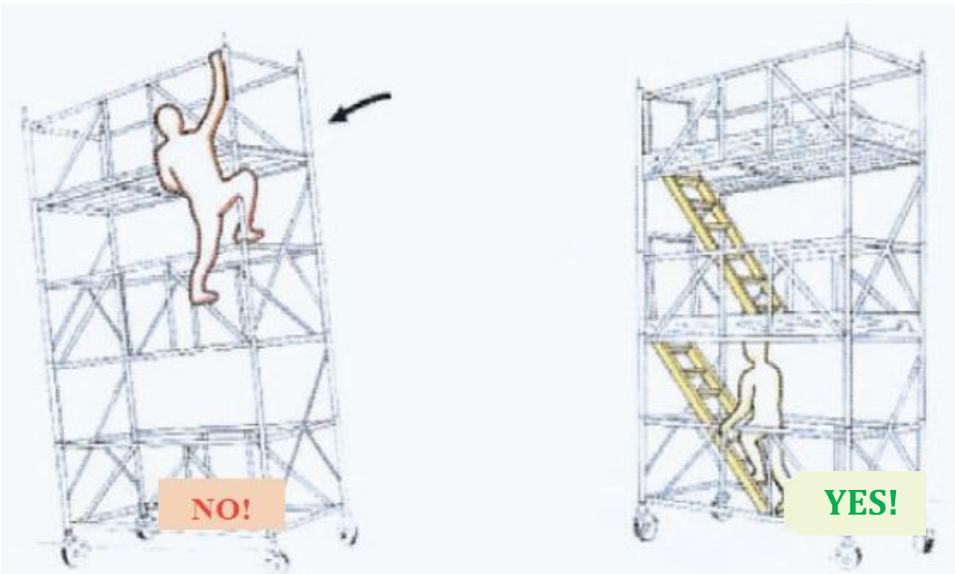


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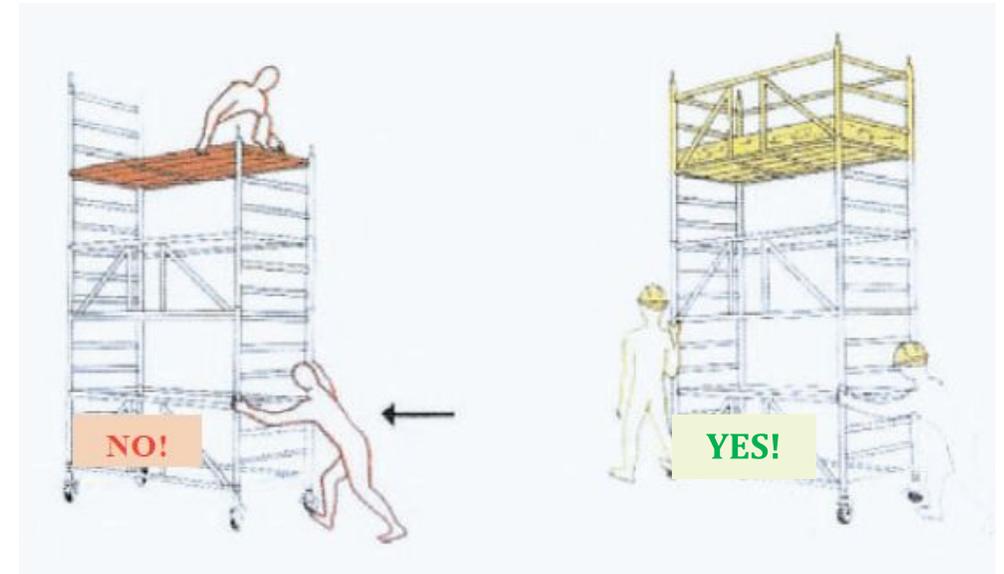
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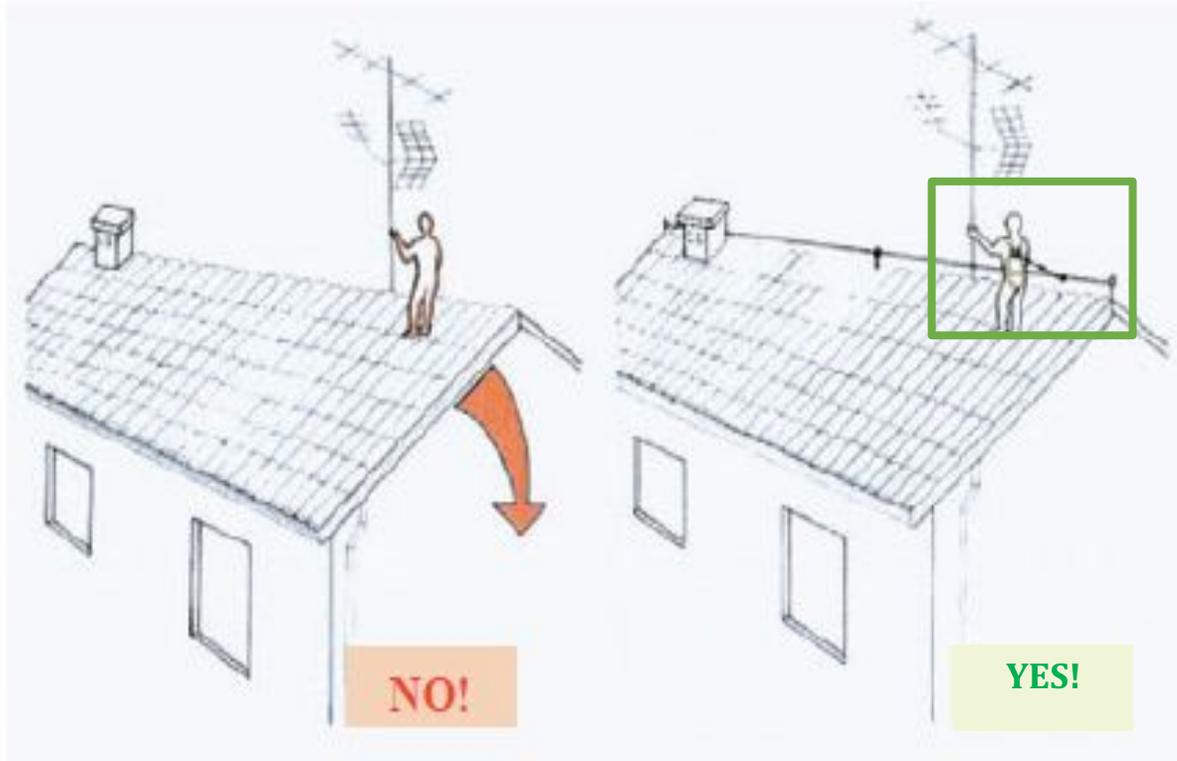
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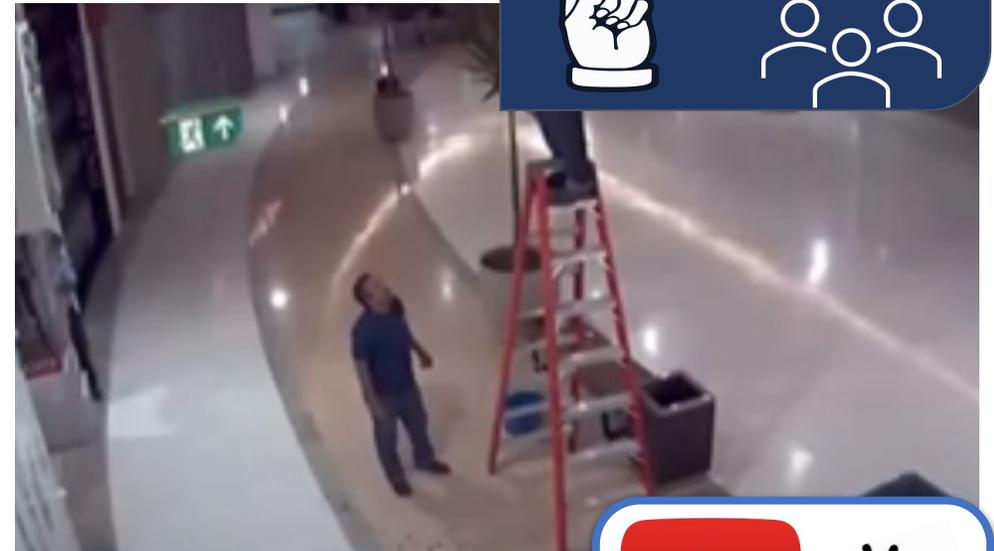
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*Are these decisions appropriate with respect to safety??*

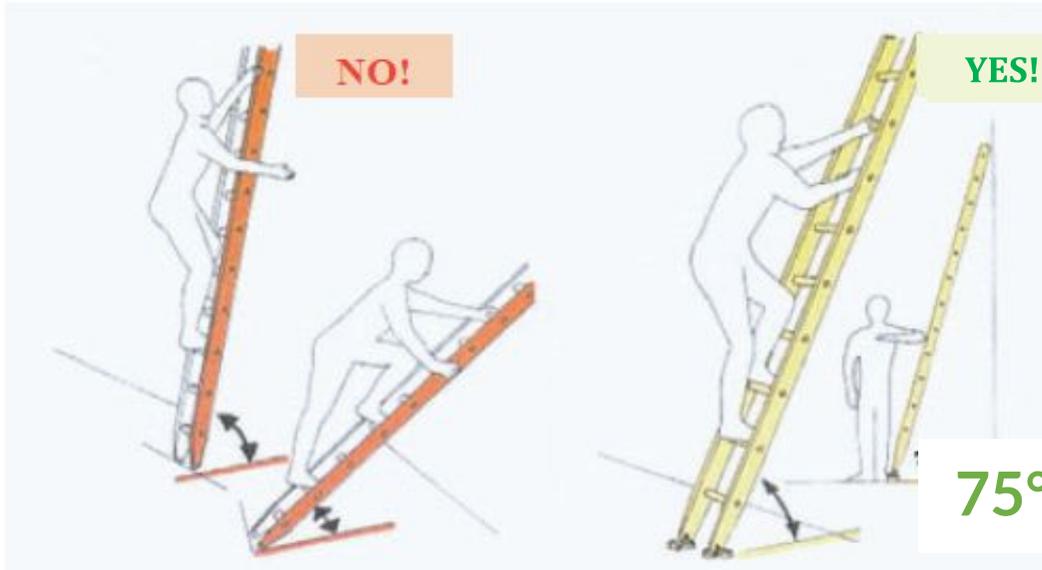
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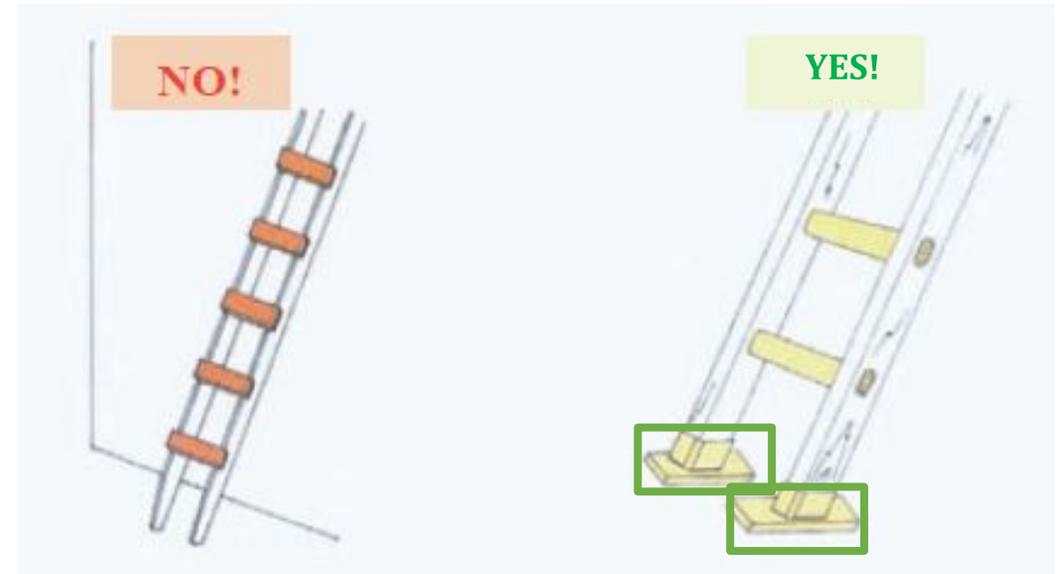
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# Falling from height risk

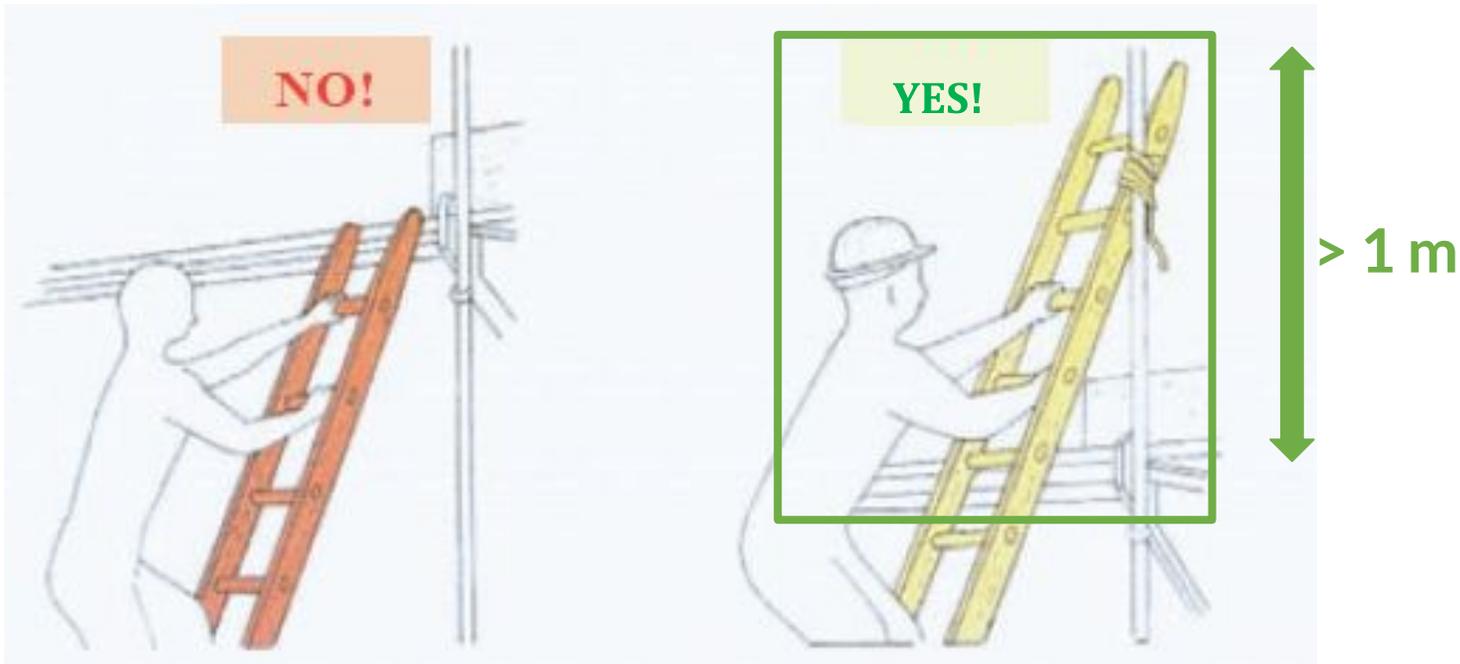


The **correct inclination** is 75 degrees.



Use **slip feet** and **be anchored** at the base!

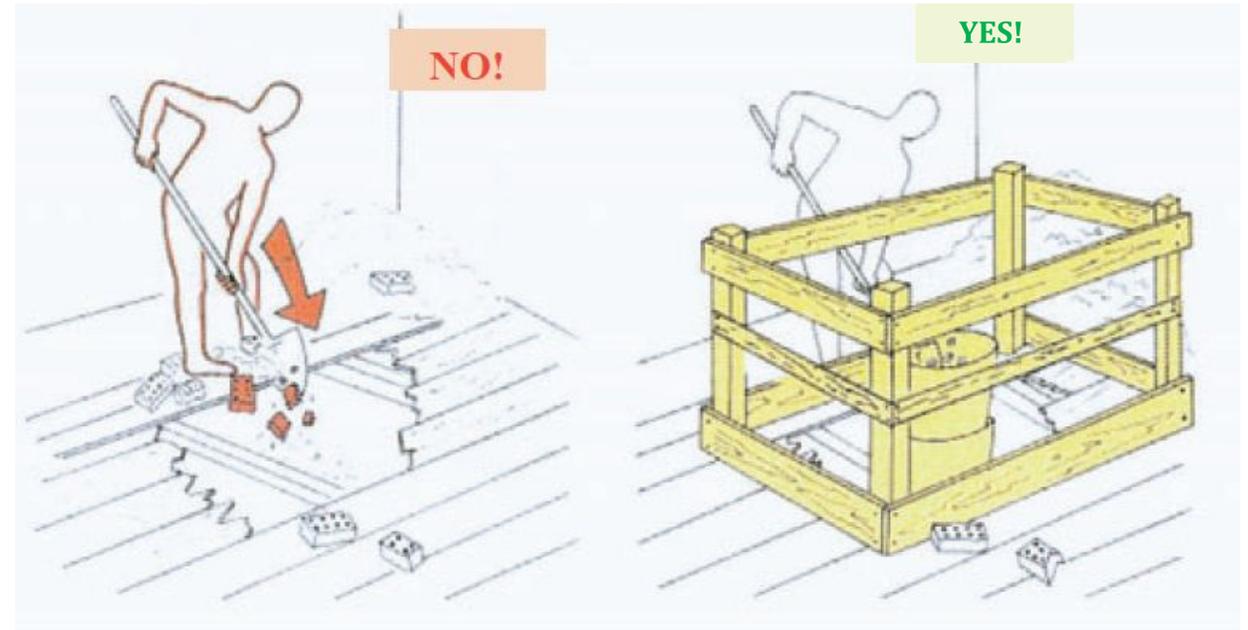
# Falling from height risk



**Anchor appropriately  
the ladder!**

**Do not move the  
ladder when someone  
is on it!**

# Falling from height risk



During **demolition** use **robust parapets** around **holes!**

# Falling from height risk



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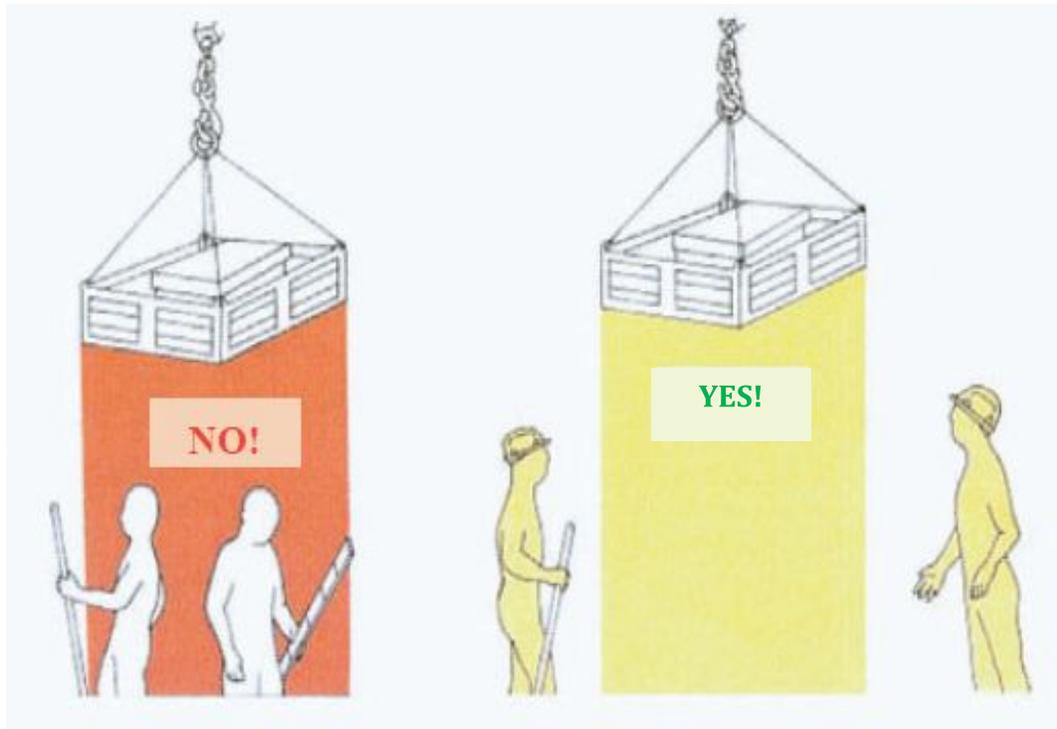


correct



In case of open excavations  
**create safe passages**  
between  
excavation  
trenches!

# Falling from height risk



In case of **suspended load**  
always **wear a safety helmet!**

# Plenary exercise

Watch the video and **analyse the decisions** made by the workers.

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# HAZARD OF EXCAVATION COLLAPSE





TRENCHES

What situations result in the potential of excavation collapse?



WEATHER CONDITIONS



TUNNELS



VEHICLES



WELLS



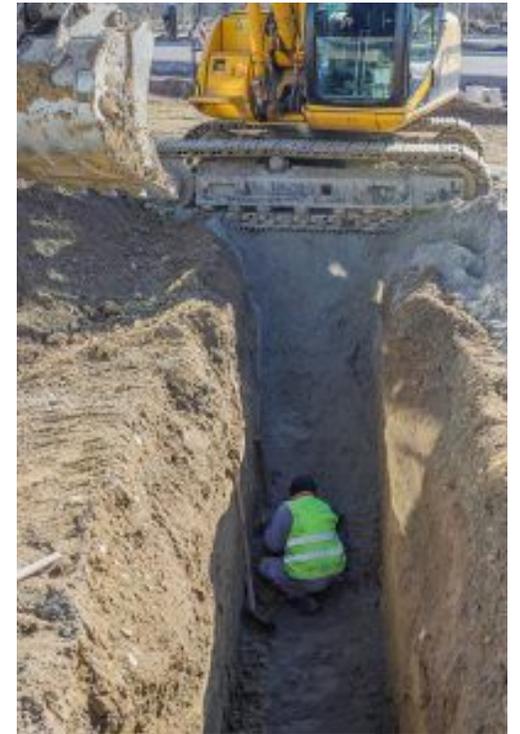
## What are your experiences?

Volunteering one participant (or more participants) share with the class a **personal experience** (or an **accident that happened to a friend**) of accident due to excavation collapse.

Focus on:

- ***What happened?***
- *What could have been the **cause** of the incident? (eg. characteristics of the workers or of the work context)*
- *What should the workers do to **work safely**?*
- ***How could the incident have been avoided?***

*Participative  
activity*



## Participative activity



Read the news and reply to the following questions:

- ***What happened?***
- *What could have been the **cause** of the incident?*
- *Could the cause of the accident depend on the **characteristics** of the two **workers** (e.g. they had done similar jobs frequently) or the **work context** (e.g., time pressure, weather conditions)?*
- *What should the workers do to **work safely**?*
- ***How** could the tragic incident have been **avoided**?*



*A health and safety consultant has been jailed for nine months and a company director for over three years for their “shocking” failures that led to a labourer being crushed to death when an **excavation collapsed**. Anghel Milosavlevici, **37**, was working for Siday Construction Ltd on a basement extension when the unsupported wall of a trench dug in preparation for underpinning the walls of the property gave way. The **emergency services** were called but he was **pronounced dead at the scene**. The firm’s commercial director, Conrad Sidebottom, was found guilty of **gross negligence** manslaughter and jailed for three years and three months. The jury was told that Sidebottom, the site manager, was aware of the dangerous state of excavations at the west London property but took no steps to ensure they were made safe. Self-employed health and safety consultant Richard Golding, 43, was contracted to provide advice for the project on Ellersby Street, Fulham. He wrote a **safe system** of work for the task, but it was found to be **inadequate** and was ultimately not followed.*



*He was also responsible for carrying out health and safety inspections on site and had authority to **stop dangerous works**, but failed to do so. The jury at Southwark Crown Court found him guilty of breaching section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. **Health and Safety Executive inspector** Dominic Long said: “Had Richard Golding inspected the site properly during his earlier visits he would have identified both that work wasn’t being carried out in accordance with a written safe system of work, and that the excavations posed a **clear risk**. By failing in his duty, he **allowed unsafe work practices** to continue with devastating consequences.” In a statement, Anghel’s sister Cristina and fiancée Claudia said: “Anghel’s death is such a tragic loss. He was the most gentle, kind-hearted and generous man you could ever hope to meet. “We hope [the] verdict makes other construction company directors take stock of their own working practices, and ensure that they are doing everything possible to keep their workers safe.”*

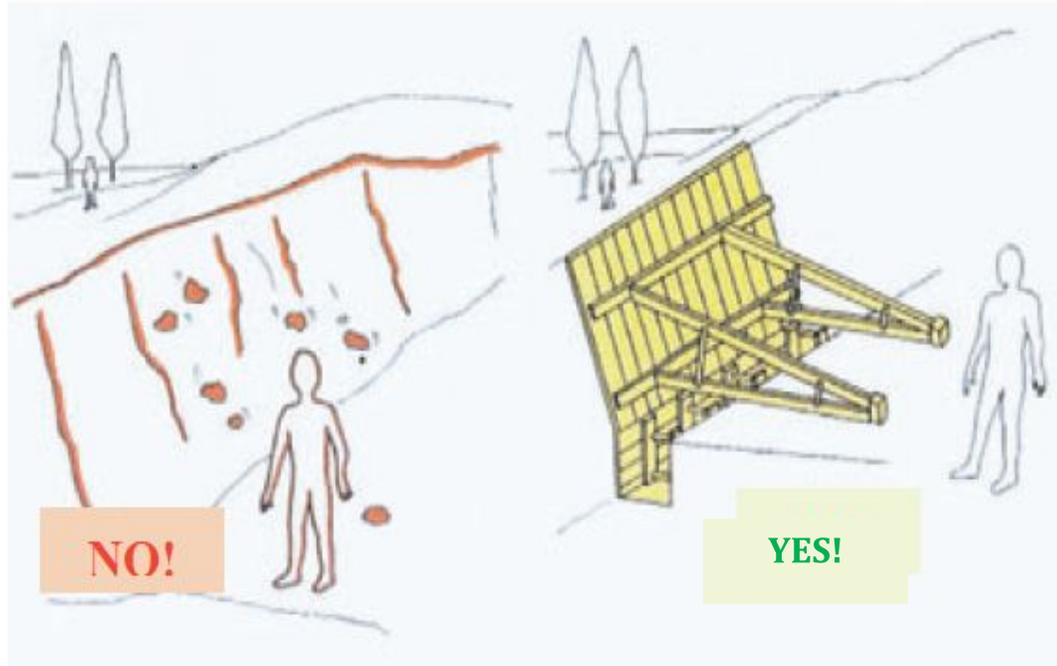
# Risk of excavation collapse

During excavations whether carried out by hand or mechanical means, there is a risk of collapse and landslides.

They must therefore have appropriate support, in relation to the nature of the terrain, to prevent landslides.

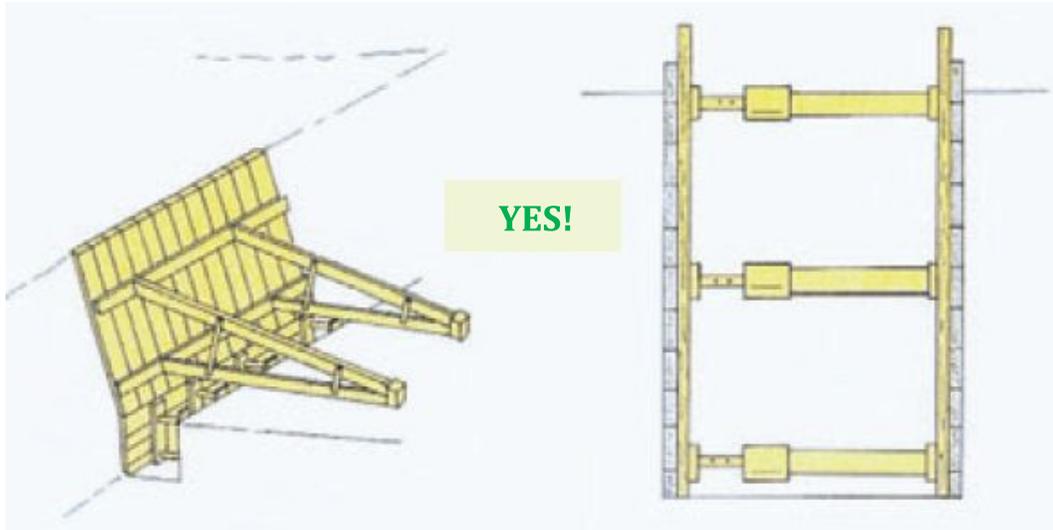


# Ways to reduce the likelihood of being buried



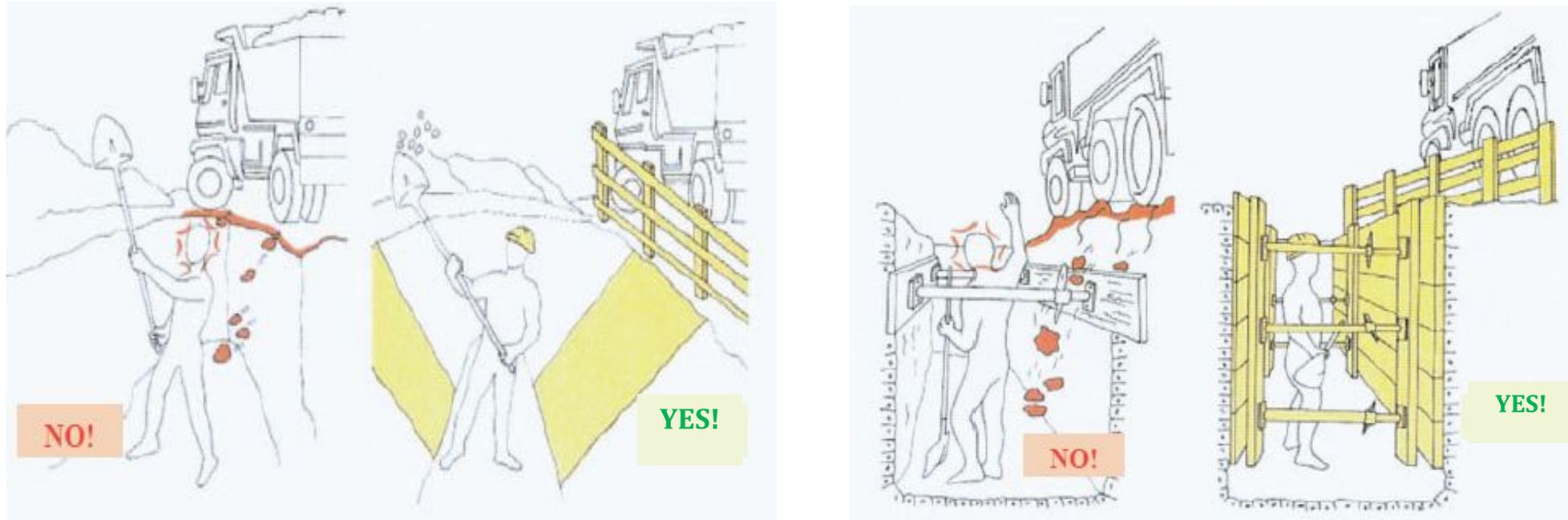
Provide **reinforcement** or **consolidation** of the trench wall!

# Risk of excavation collapse



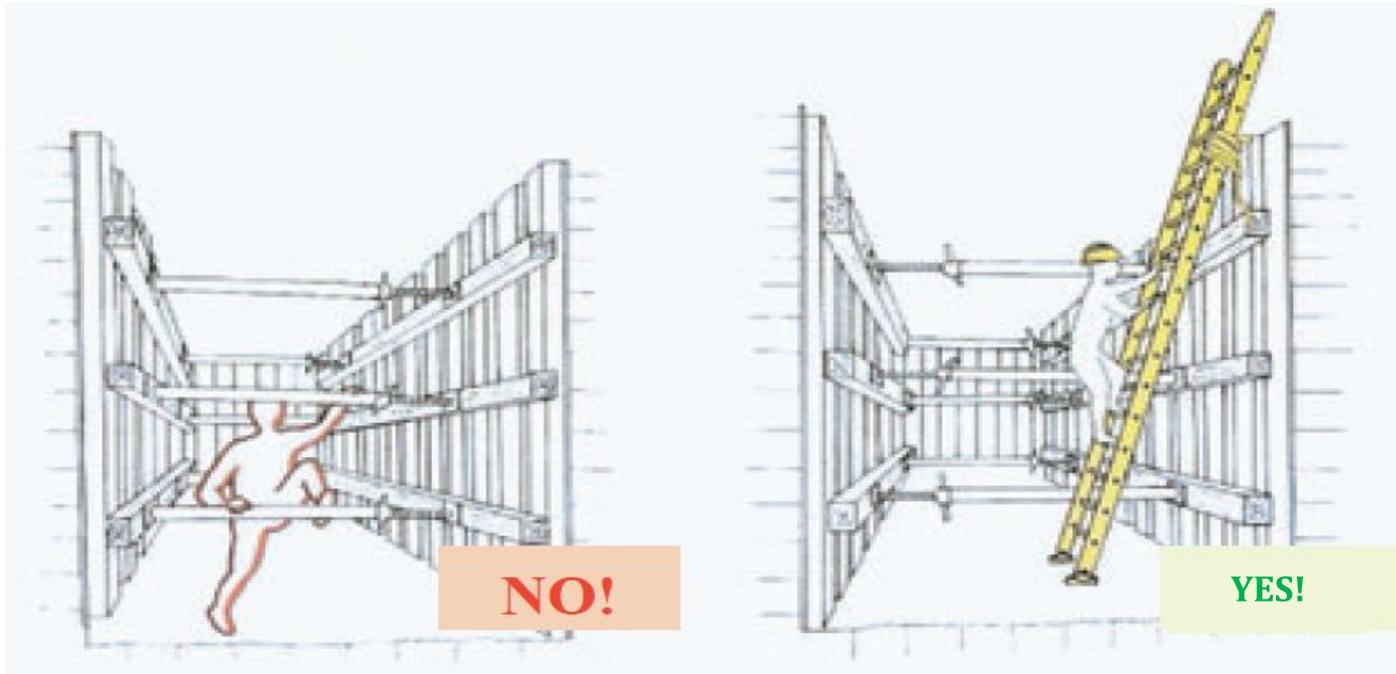
During the excavation of wells, tunnels and deep trenches of more than 1.50 meters, when the nature of the land may not be stable, it is necessary to reinforce the trench wall before proceeding with work

# Risk of excavation collapse



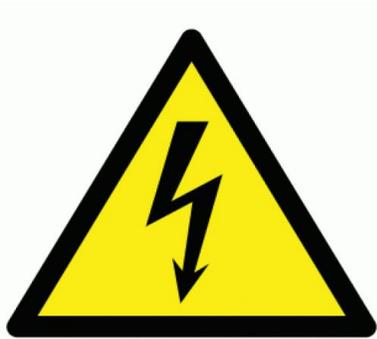
Protect **parapets** to avoid people or objects falling into it!

# Risk of excavation collapse



**Go out** from the excavation **using** the **ladder**

# ELETRICAL HAZARDS



# What are the situations of potential electrical hazards?



INDIRECT CONTACT WITH LIVE ELECTRICAL PARTS



USE OF CABLES



DIRECT CONTACT WITH LIVE ELECTRICAL PARTS



USE OF MACHINES



USE OF OUTLETS

*Participative  
activity*



## **PLENARY ACTIVITY**

*Look at the pictures and answer to the following questions:*

- *What risks could you encounter?*
- *What could be the **consequences** if this plug was used?*
- *What should you do to work safely?*



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*What risks could you encounter?*

*What could be the consequences here?*

*What should you do to work safely?*



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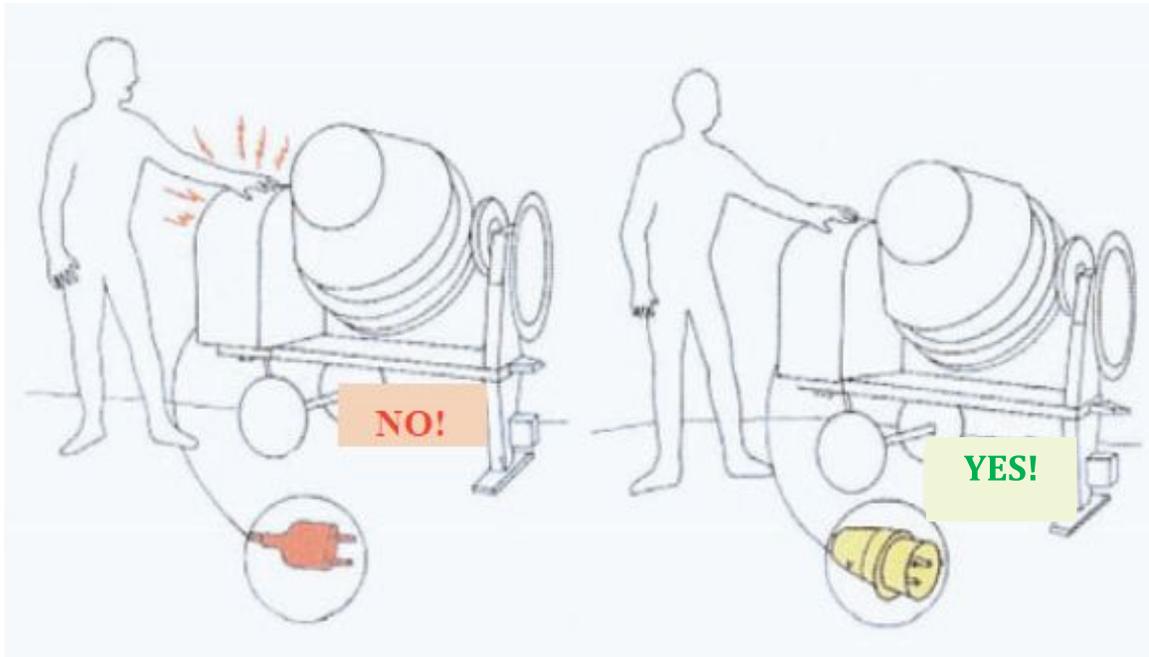
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# Electrocution hazard



Before using, **check cable** and **push-button panel** are not damaged!



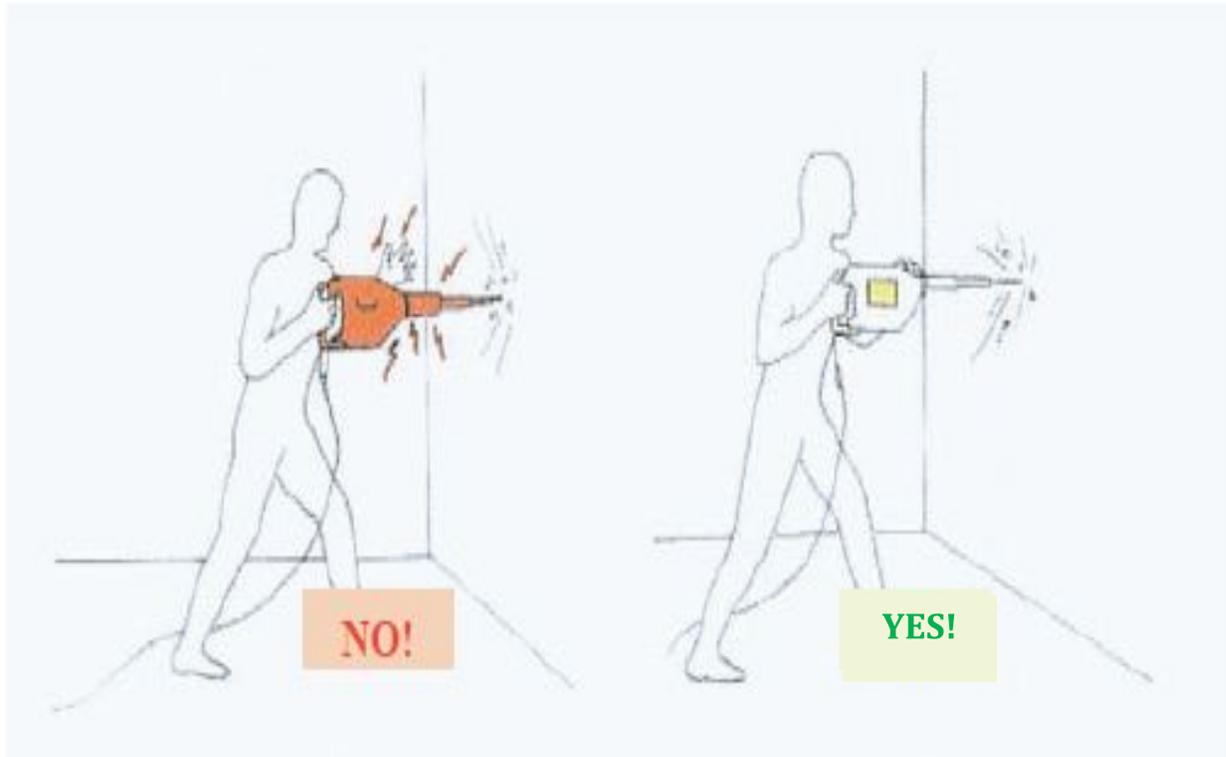
# Reducing the likelihood of being electrocuted

Prevent the cable from coming into contact with water. It is important to

**operate in dry conditions.**



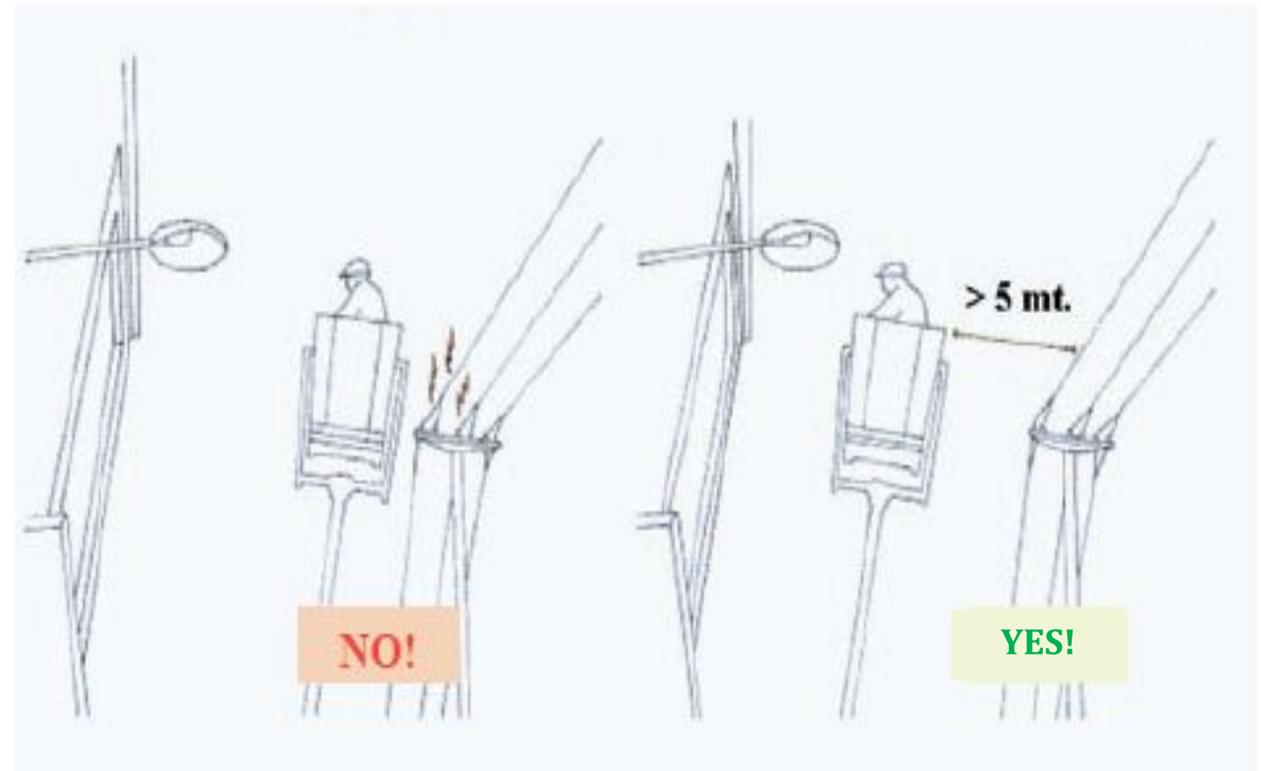
# Electrocution risk



Check the **enclosures** and **components** of electrical appliances before using them!

# Electrocution risk

Do **not operate** at a distance **within 5 meters** of overhead power lines.



## NTS definition: communication

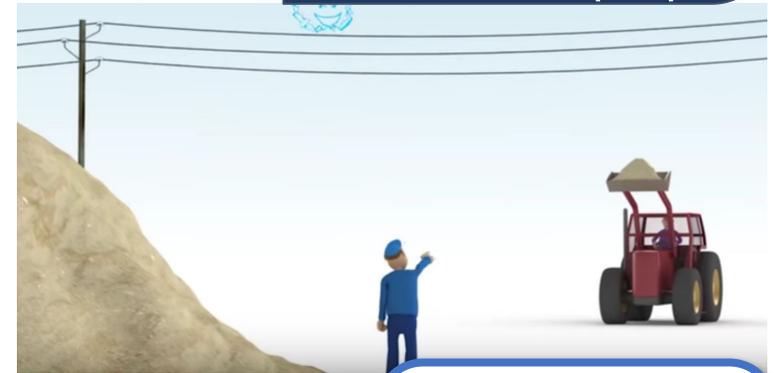
The communication concerns the ability to *receive and transmit information* relevant to one's own safety and that other people and the environment



# Plenary exercise

Watch the video and **analyse the decisions** made by the workers:

- *How should the two workers communicate with each other?*
- *What should the two workers do to communicate with each other?*
- *What decisions did the workers make?*
- *What would have been the best decisions to make?*



# Different communication methods



## ONE-WAY COMMUNICATION

The message must be **simple**

You can communicate to **many people** at once

You **don't need much time**

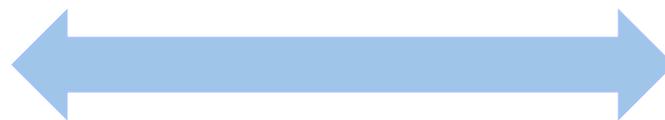


## TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

The message can be **complex**

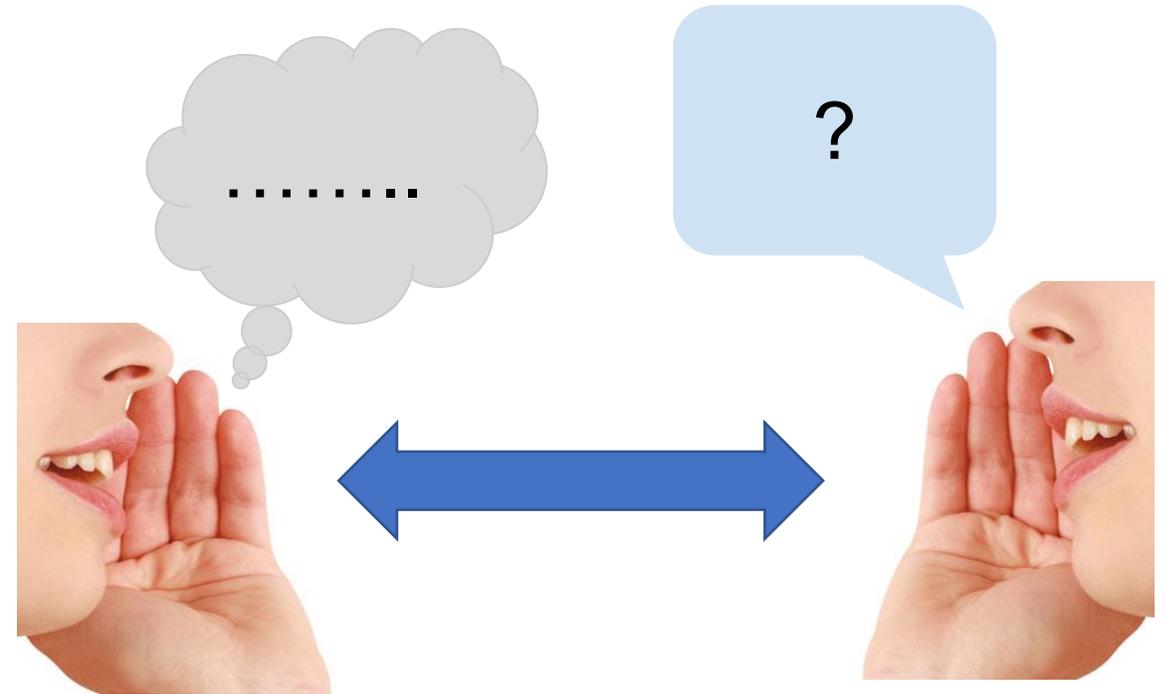
**Few people** are involved

You **need time** to communicate

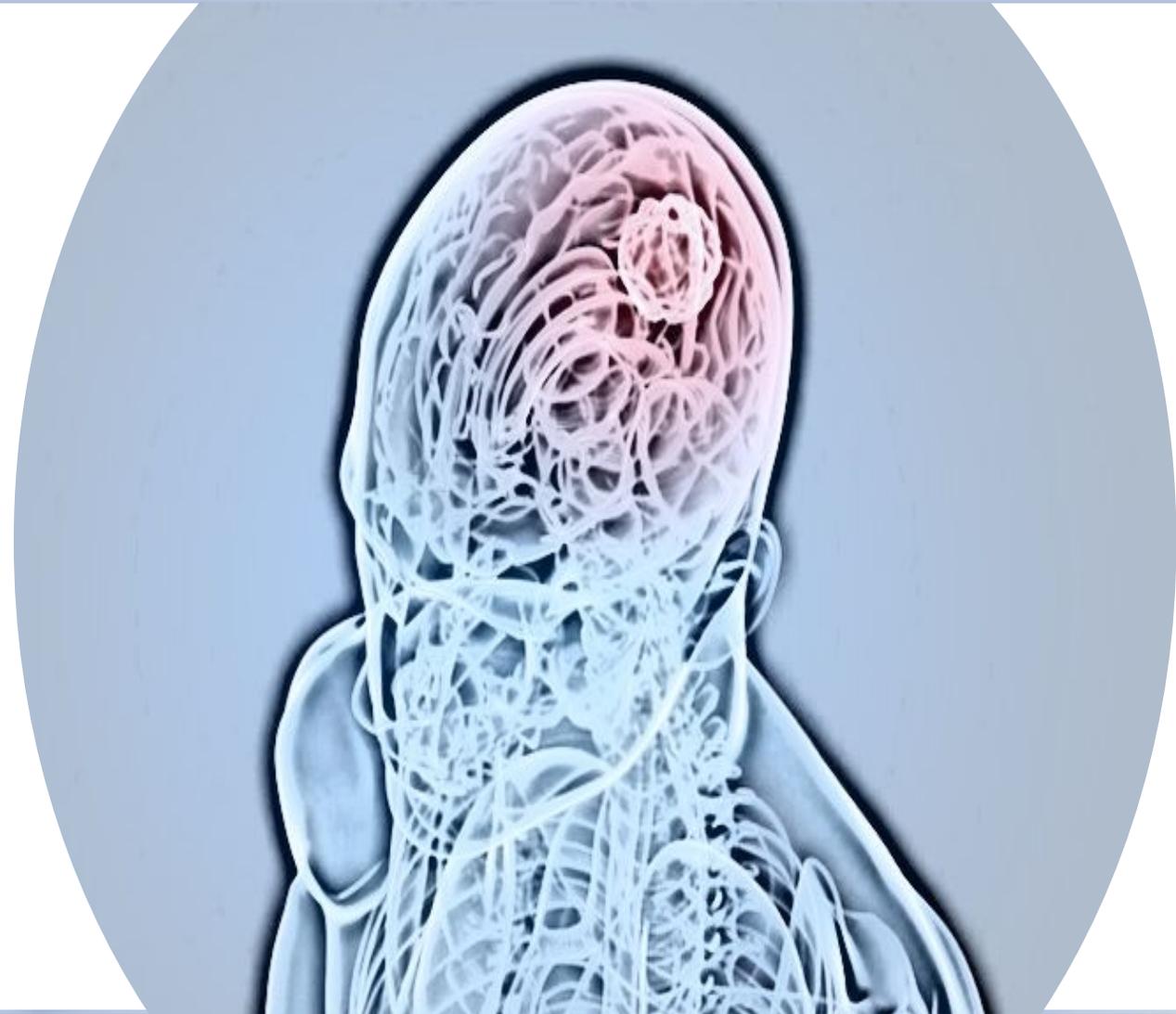


# How can you make two-way communication effective?

1. Exchange and **feedback**
2. Ask **questions** and make sure you have understood the message correctly
3. Consistency between **verbal** and **non-verbal communication**



## PHYSICAL HAZARDS





LONG-TERM USE OF CABLES



USE OF MACHINES



NOISE AND VIBRATIONS

**What are the situations of potential physical hazards?**

USE OF OUTLETS



CRUSHING BY MACHINES



DIRECT AND INDIRECT CONTACT WITH LIVE ELECTRICAL PARTS





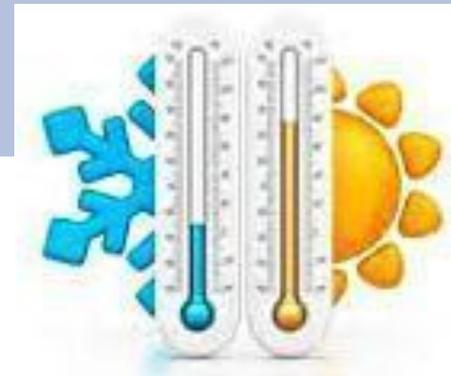
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS



LIGHTING



ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS



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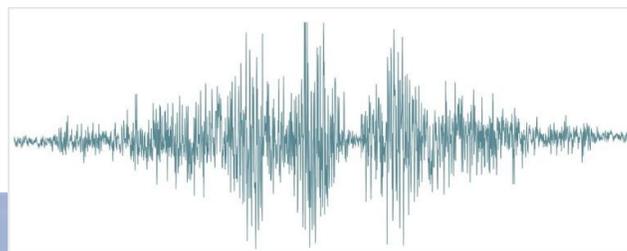
What are the causes of potential physical risk?

VIBRATIONS



COMPRESSED AIR TOOLS

MICROWAVES



LASER, ARC WELDING



# NOISE HAZARDS AND VIBRATIONS



How many decibels are the  
sound of the wind?

10-20 dB



**Listen to these clips and try to guess:  
How many decibels are these sounds?**



How many decibels would  
a large crowd make?

60-100 dB



How many decibels is the noise  
of a pneumatic hammer?

100-130 dB





# Noise and intensity

Normal conversation  
**60 dB**



Hairdryer  
**80-90 dB**



Rock concert in  
the front row  
**110 dB**



Jet taking-off,  
siren  
**120 dB**



Firearm shot,  
fireworks  
**120-150 dB**





## PLENARY DISCUSSION

- *What are the **most frequent noises** at a construction site?*
- ***How** can noise be reduced?*
- *What could be the **consequences** of prolonged exposure to noise?*

# Noise and vibrations

>85 dB                      →      partial deafness

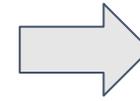
near 140 dB                →      deafness and rupture  
eardrums



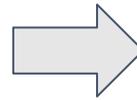
**Wear ear protection** both when you are exposed to noise and when you do not use the machines directly but they are used by other workers on site!

# Exposure to noise and vibrations

Angle grinders, drills and demolition hammers expose workers to vibrations that affect the **hands** and **arms**.



Equipment such as **scrapers**, **mechanical shovels** and **excavators** expose workers to vibrations that affect the **whole body**.



# Exposure to noise and vibrations

The employer must assess the degree of exposure to vibration risk and take steps to reduce it by:

- replacing the equipment with other equipment that vibrates less
- limiting the duration and intensity of vibration exposure
- allowing workers to take rest periods between one exposure period and another
- providing equipment and accessories to reduce the risk of injury
- providing workers with suitable gloves to mitigate hand-arm vibrations
- providing workers with adequate training
- Providing exposed workers with health checks



# RISK OF CRUSHING BY OPERATING MACHINES



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**Workers** using construction machinery must **be trained** on the **use** of a **specific machine**.

Make sure that the machines are tested, equipped with CE marking

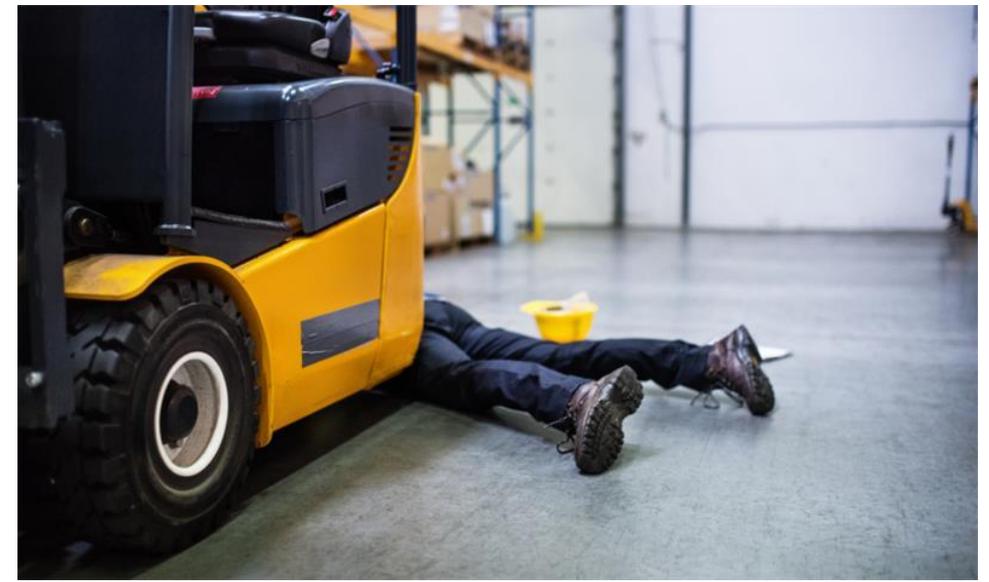
**Always keep the machines "in order"!  
Check their maintenance status!**



# RISK OF CRUSHING BY OPERATING MACHINES



**Stay away from  
"manoeuvring" machines!**



**Pay attention to illuminated  
and auditory signals!**



## ***PLENARY ACTIVITY***

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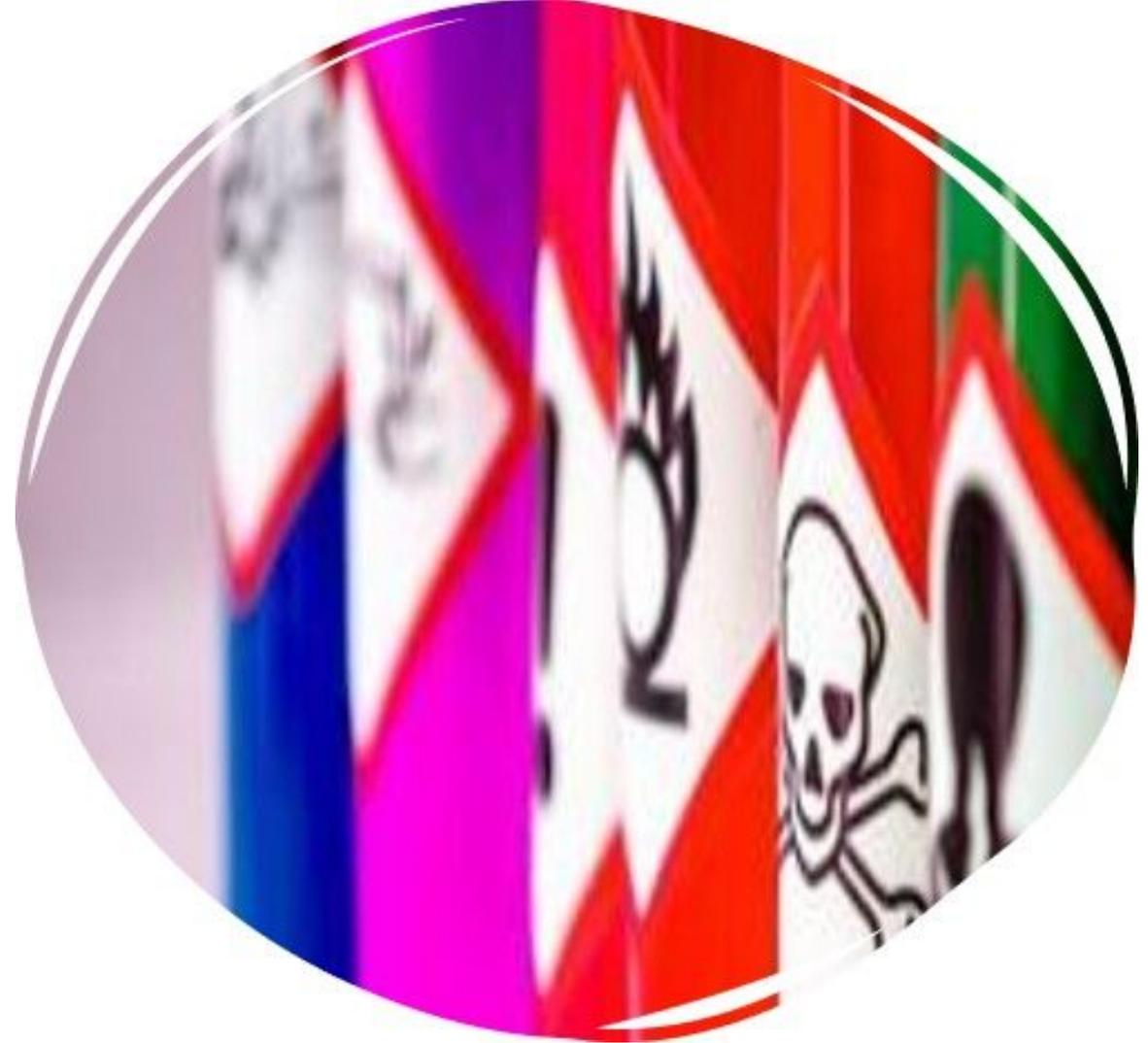
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- ***What*** should the two workers ***communicate***?
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- ***What would have been the best decision to make?***

## Worker crushed by a forklift goes to the hospital with a fracture

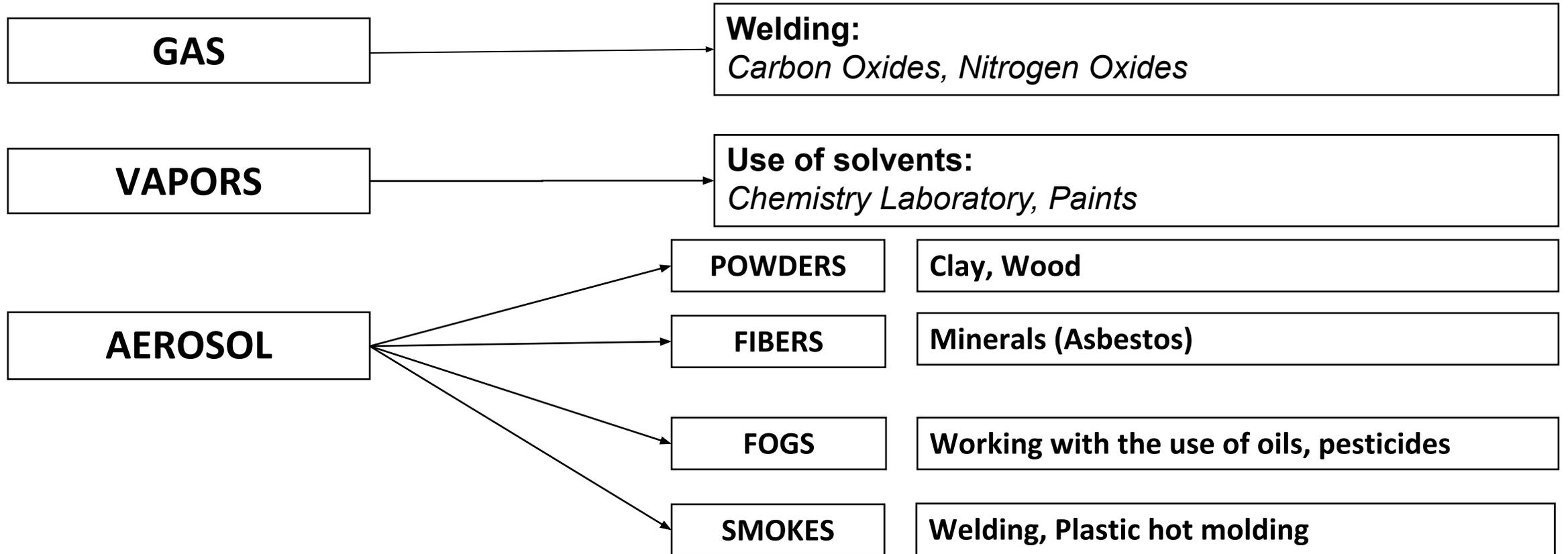
A worker has been **hit** by the **forklift** that **crushed** his **leg**. The accident took place yesterday morning at 6:40 am in Wentworth spa on Winchester Road Mr Alek Nowak, **33 years old**, a Polish worker had been working in Sheffield since March. Mr Nowak was working on a machine and extracting a jammed tube, he stepped back and was hit by a forklift truck, which at that moment was **turning a corner** and **the driver had little visibility**. The forklift crushed Mr Nowak's leg. He was rescued and transported first to Sheffield Teaching Hospital and then transferred to Guy's Hospital, London. He suffered a **serious fracture** and **deep wounds**. The colleagues of the worker, in solidarity, have decided to interrupt their shifts and not to work for the whole morning. «The company has opened an internal investigation into the accident to identify the causes, in collaboration with the HSE» a spokesman for the construction company says in a press release.



# CHEMICAL HAZARD



# Risk due to polluting substances that interact with the human body and which can cause acute, chronic and irreversible diseases



# CHEMICAL HAZARD

Do not to use **unlabeled products!**

Do not pour chemicals into **bottles** used to store **other chemicals!**

Do not **mix** different products!



**Wear protective equipments**  
during use!

# CHEMICAL RISK

Cement, adhesives, disarming agents, hardeners and primers used in construction are dangerous for health and safety (fire, explosion, corrosion).

Chemical risks can be through contact, inhalation, ingestion.

Labels and safety data sheets should be attached to dangerous products and a report of health and safety information.



# CHEMICAL RISK

Before using a product or substance, check the label on the package. The label will give you information about:

1. Safety symbols
2. Risk phrases (R)
3. Phrases of advice / prudence (S)



## Reminder! Last lesson we asked you...

*Which chemical products do you use most during your work?*



**You brought with you the products you use most?**

You will use them during a group exercise



# Group Exercise

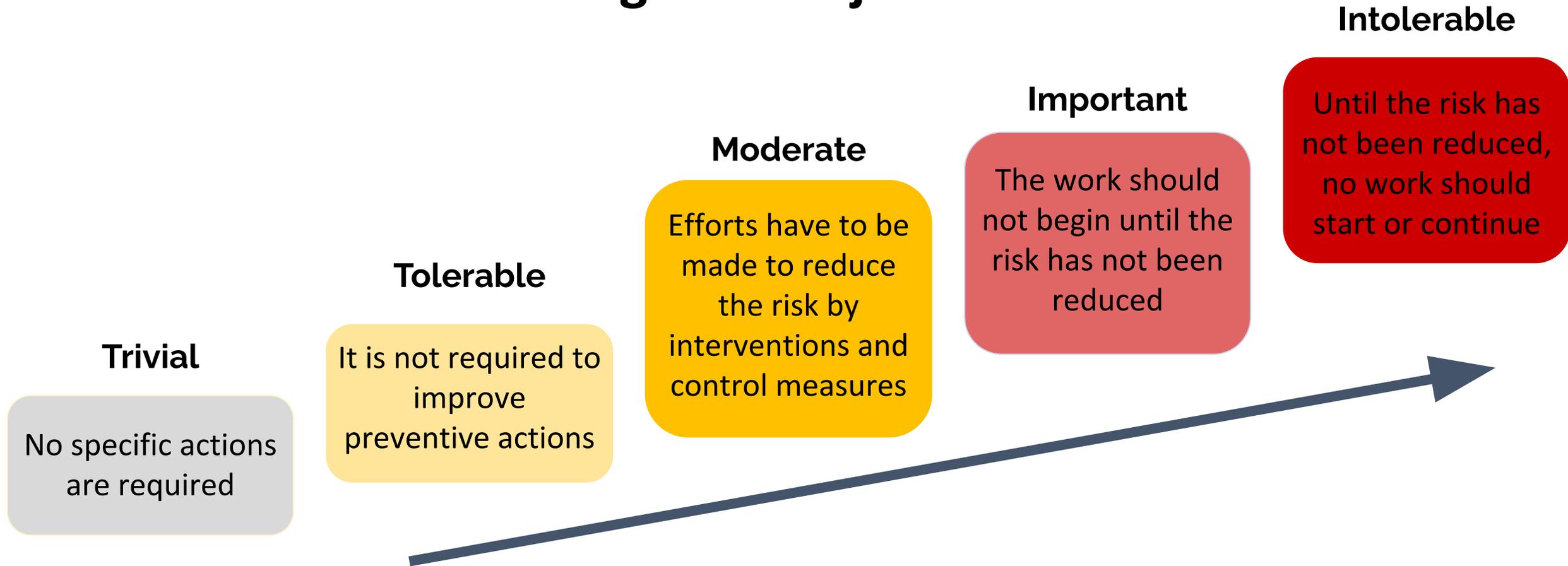
- 1) Analyze the labels based on the risk matrix

Risk levels

		Consequences		
		Slightly harmful	Harmful	Extremely harmful
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	Medium M	<input type="checkbox"/> Tolerable risk TO	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate risk MO	<input type="checkbox"/> Important risk I
	High H	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate risk MO	<input type="checkbox"/> Important risk I	<input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable risk IN



# Making Risk Objective



**Risk levels  
Consequences**

		Slightly harmful	Harmful	Extremely harmful
Probability	<i>Low</i> <i>L</i>	Trivial risk T	Tolerable risk TO	Moderate risk MO
	<i>Medium</i> <i>M</i>	Tolerable risk TO	Moderate risk MO	Important risk I
	<i>High</i> <i>H</i>	Moderate risk MO	Important risk I	Intolerable risk IN

Answer the following questions:

- 1) What are the **main hazards** listed on the label?
- 2) In which **situation** do you usually **use it**? or in which situation it is possible to use it?
- 3) Basing on the situation you chose: What **level of risk** does this product present? Analyse it referring to the risk matrix
- 4) Which **behaviours** are **needed** to use it safely. Which **protective equipment** would you need to wear in order to use them safely?



# Hazard pictograms (GHS/CLP)



# From the old to the new symbols for safety!

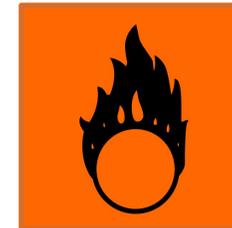
Corrosive



Flammable



Oxidising



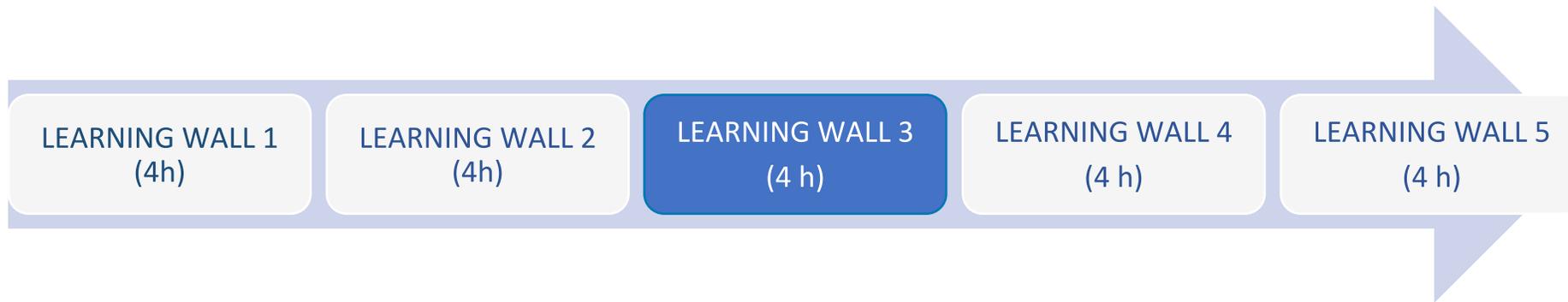
Explosive



Toxic



# What we have learned today



- ✓ Mechanical hazards, electrical hazards, machines, equipment
- ✓ Fall from height hazard and explosions during digging
- ✓ Physical hazards, noise, vibration in the workplace
- ✓ Chemical hazards

# NTS discussed today



# Content of the next learning wall



- ✓ Work organisation and cargo handling
- ✓ PPE
- ✓ Safety signage
- ✓ Interference risk

Keep in mind!



Next lesson we will focus on PPE

*Which PPE do you use most during your work?*

Next lesson, bring with you the PPE you use most. You will use it during a group exercise.

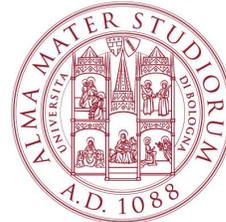




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