



## TRENCH SHORING SAFETY RENTAL GUIDELINES

The use of trench shoring equipment is regulated by federal, state, and local laws. The operator shall be thoroughly knowledgeable of all federal, state, and local regulations or shall be working under the direct supervision of a “Competent Person” trained to comply with such regulations. **Users of this product should not rely exclusively on these Guidelines and must have independent knowledge of safe usage.**

To properly use trench shielding products, the operator or “Competent Person” supervisor must also be thoroughly knowledgeable in the Manufacturer’s Tabulated Data and the safe operation of the specific equipment in use. All users must follow manufacturer instructions.

The operator shall read, understand, and follow all operating instructions and warning labels before starting or using the equipment. **Failure to follow instructions and warnings may result in equipment damage, serious injury, or death.**

### **!WARNING!**

- ! A trained Competent Person shall have sole responsibility for the proper selection, installation, assembly, use and maintenance of the trench shoring equipment.
- ! All trench shoring shall be installed and removed from above ground only.
- ! Never allow personnel to enter an excavated area that is not protected (shored, shielded or sloped) according to applicable regulations.
- ! Personnel shall always work only within the protected excavation area and shall not stand or place equipment near the edge of an unprotected excavation. Failure to comply may result in serious injury or death.
- ! All lifting and pulling equipment, including cables, slings, ropes, chains, shackles, and safety hooks must be evaluated for suitability and capacity by the operator and/or Competent Person prior to each use, and continually inspected for damage or defects thereafter. The condition and capacity of such equipment will affect the safe handling and placement of trench shoring products and is the sole responsibility of the customer and the customer’s agents or employees.
- ! Use proper tag lines to control loads when lifting or moving with machines.
- ! Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment PPE (such as safety footwear, hard-hats, gloves, etc.) when handling trench shoring equipment.
- ! Hydraulic shoring cylinders and rails pivot to facilitate handling and installation. Such pivoting action creates PINCH POINTS at various locations. The operator should be familiar with all pinch points and be cautious when handling shores to avoid serious injury to hands and fingers. Keep your hands clear!
- ! DO NOT climb on or suspend loads from shoring equipment.
- ! Use only approved shoring fluids. (MSDS sheets are available).
- ! It is the Competent Person’s responsibility to thoroughly inspect all hoses, cylinders, fittings, and rails daily for proper working condition.
- ! The lateral loads imposed upon shoring systems may change at any time. It is the Competent Person’s responsibility to ensure that soil and surcharge loads do not exceed the rated capacity of the shoring systems.

**If you are not sure of the proper operation of this equipment, discontinue use immediately and contact: Sunstate Equipment Trench Safety Rentals, Toll Free (USA) at 1-866-823-3319**

### **WE PROVIDE THESE SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ONLY AS A REMINDER OF CUSTOMARY SAFE PRACTICES**

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