

Should be a few meters away from the optical cable trench



AI Overview

It is recommended to maintain a safe distance of at least a few meters from an optical cable trench to prevent accidental damage and ensure safety during and after installation.

Safety and Distance Guidelines

When working near or around an optical cable trench, maintaining a safe setback of several meters is important to avoid accidental contact with the cable or trench walls, which could cause injury or damage to the fiber optic network . The exact distance may vary depending on local regulations, trench depth, and site conditions, but a general rule is to stay clear of the trench edges during excavation, cable laying, and backfilling.

Trench Depth and Protection

- Typical trench depth: Fiber optic conduits are usually buried 1-1.2 meters (3-4 feet) deep to protect against accidental digging and environmental hazards .
- Backfill requirements: The trench should be backfilled with fine soil or sand, at least 10-15 cm thick above the cable, avoiding stones, bricks, or frozen soil that could damage the cable .
- Warning tape: A detectable warning tape is often installed 6-12 inches above the cable to alert future excavators of the buried fiber

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