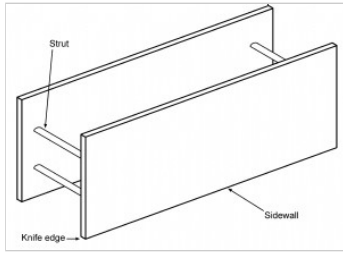


**shield**

Structure that is able to withstand the forces imposed on it by a cave-in and thereby protect employees within the structure; can be permanent structures or can be designed to be portable and moved along as work progresses; additionally, shields can be either pre-manufactured or job-built in accordance with OSHA 1926.652(c)(3) or (c)(4). Shields used in trenches are usually referred to as "trench boxes" or "trench shields."

*shield images/graphics:*



**Shield system**