

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Excavation Safety: Support of Excavation & Underpinning

- Q1. With regard to monitoring an adjoining building, does this distance refer to from the point of the four corners of the typical rectangular property, meaning depth times the distance?**
- A1. BC3309.4.4 defines monitoring for soil or foundation work affecting adjoining property. It is assumed that this is what you are referring to. Buildings that are within a distance from the edge of the excavation that is equal to or less than the maximum depth of the excavation are required to be monitored. This is the most restrictive distance on the site. Please keep in mind the interpretation of the Code (defined in the Administrative Code is to liberally secure to the beneficial purposes there of).
- Q2. What is the section of the Code that refers to the preconstruction report requirement?**
- A2. The preconstruction reference can be found in BC1814.1.