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Weekly Fire Drill

Trench Cuts

Trench Cuts in Vertical Ventilation

- Used as a defensive tactic to stop the progress of a large fire in a narrow building
- Creates a large opening ahead of the fire
- "Writes off" part of the building
- Requires both time and manpower

May be best suited in flat roof occupancies.

Review Questions

- What safety precautions are taken while performing trench cuts?
- What tools are necessary to perform the cut?
- Where should interior hoselines be positioned?
- What is the importance of positioning of the trench cut?
- cut go?







