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?

• Where does the cut go?