



Toolbox Talk

2-19

Meeting Safety Topic

Ground Disturbance Safety

The digging community includes anyone who engages in, or who is responsible for any activity that results in a disturbance of the earth regardless of depth including land clearing, earth moving, grading, excavating, trenching, digging, boring, drilling, or blasting.



Employers and employees share many of the same goals. Both want a working environment that is safe. Employee training supports a safer and more productive workplace, the kind of environment in which people want to work. Maintaining the highest level of safety benefits both employers and employees.

Ongoing regulatory efforts provide a framework to ensure ground disturbance activities near buried utilities are conducted safely. A buried utility may include telephone, cable TV, electric, water supply and natural gas pipelines. Preventing damage to a buried utility is a shared responsibility of everyone in the digging community. Damage prevention includes elements such as planning, the effective use of one-call centres, accurate and timely identification, locating and marking of buried facilities, adherence to safe and best ground disturbance practices, proper installation of buried facilities, consequences for non-compliance, public awareness and occupational safety training programs.

BC One Call or Click Before You Dig

Knowing what underground facilities are buried in, or near your dig jobsite is essential if dangerous, or destructive accidents are to be avoided. BC One Call is a central agency where you can call to find out what is buried on your site and where not to dig.

The BC One Call centre is accessible as a toll free number at 1-800-474-6886. BC One Call receives by phone and processes locate requests Monday through Friday, except holidays. After hours and on holidays, only emergency locate requests are processed. Locate requests may also be submitted through the BC One Call's Click Before You Dig bconecall.ca

Additional Discussion Notes:

Project: _____ Employer: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Time: _____ Shift: _____

Number in Crew: _____ Number Attending Talk: _____

Safety Issues or Suggestions made by the crew: _____

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Manager's Remarks: _____

Manager Signature: _____ Supervisor Signature: _____