



# April: Safe Digging Month

*Call Before You Dig*

**Safe digging is no accident.**

# Background



- Under both the rural and urban land of Alberta lies an extensive underground infrastructure of pipes and cables
- Today's society depends heavily on the safe operation of all buried facilities, which are estimated to span more than 1,500,000 km of Alberta, including 400,000 km of high pressure pipeline



# Background



- **These many facilities include:**

- **communications**
- **electrical**
- **gas distribution**
- **water**
- **sewer**
- **storm drainage**
- **transmission pipelines**
- **oil and gas production lines**



# Background



- These countless transmission and production lines can be just a few feet below the surface...

*As a result,*

- Alberta is always one improperly conducted ground disturbance away from a fatality!



# Call Before You Dig



- **Failure to call before you dig is the most frequent cause of facility damage**

Failing to call before you dig



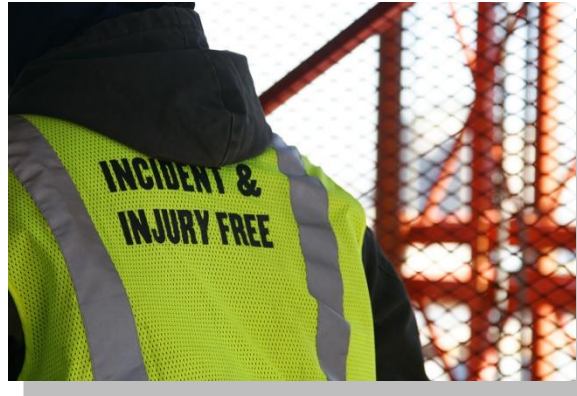
Prevents the identification and subsequent locating of buried facilities



Resulting in Facility damages

*Facility damages may include disruption of essential services, property damage, environmental contamination, personal injury and even death*

# What can you do?



As a contractor, homeowner, or landowner, you can save time and money while keeping yourself, your community and your province safe and connected by following a few simple rules:

# What can you do?



- **CALL Alberta One-Call** prior to any ground disturbance project!
- Wait for the facility owners to locate buried facilities
- Respect the locate marks
- Hand expose any conflicting buried facilities before using mechanical excavation equipment near them
- Report any damage caused or found to the facility owner
- **DIG WITH CARE!**

*Damage prevention is a shared responsibility*

# It's Simple



- For something as simple as planting a tree, putting up a fence, or installing a mailbox, call:

Alberta One-Call  
1-800-242-3447  
alberta1call.com

- Call at least 2 working days before you plan to disturb the ground
- Then Alberta One-Call will notify the buried facility operators who will then mark their facilities
- You can safely dig!

# Do your part



- *“All Albertans are urged to Call Before You Dig to prevent damage to buried facilities in the interest of worker safety, public safety, protection of the environment and preservation of the integrity of the underground infrastructure that provides goods and services essential to society”.*

***Alberta Damage Prevention Council***



# Remember



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We are all responsible for preventing damage to underground facilities- make sure you do your part!

***Call Before You Dig!***

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