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UTILITY LOCATES AND OVERHEAD POWER LINES

KNOW WHAT'S BELOW AND ABOVE.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and procedures to address the hazards that exist when working near and around overhead and underground utilities. In order to prevent accidental contact with overhead and underground utilities and installations, the following policy shall be followed. This policy is also applicable to locating utilities, services, and embedded items in existing concrete slabs, walls, and structures.

EXCAVATION WORK

A preconstruction meeting involving the affected employee-owners should be held prior to the commencement of work, covering:

- Existing conditions and location of locates
- A review of locate tickets and any unmarked lines
- Developing a plan for handling a damaged utility

Prior to excavation within 3 feet in any direction of any locate, the utility shall be exposed via hand excavation or hydro vacuum to verify exact location. This is vital when any type of buried cable, fiber optic, electric, or gas line must be located.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Team

- Confirm that a valid One-Call has been submitted and lines have been marked. Do not excavate until you have confirmed that all utilities have been marked. Photograph the area to document the utility location markings. Verify marks are still visible each day, if not submit a new ticket to have the utilities marks refreshed.
- Mark the elevation of the utility on a site plan to be excavated for future reference.
- Identify any project-specific plans to address areas that might be unsafe to dig around.
- Complete a company excavation checklist prior to digging to ensure a competent person has identified the hazards associated with the site.
- In the event you hit an underground utility, please contact the Safety Manager immediately. Preserving evidence is the key to making sure we can prove not at fault if we are not at fault.
- If you have questions, please call the Safety Manager.