

**click or
call before
you dig.**



What is BC 1 Call?

There is a vast network of underground pipes and cables used to transport oil and gas, water and sewage, electricity, and telecommunication services across British Columbia. Before you dig, find out what's buried below your site by requesting a locate from BC 1 Call.

BC 1 Call is the link between the excavating community and the owners of underground infrastructure. By contacting BC 1 Call, private landowners and commercial excavators reduce the risk of personal injury and property damage.

LOCATE REQUESTS

 www.bc1c.ca

 **1-800-474-6886**



Safety in the workplace is our highest priority and we support BC 1 Call as a service that will increase worker safety.

BC Construction Association

Why use BC 1 Call?

When it comes to underground utilities, the smallest incident can cause serious damage. Disturbing the ground in your backyard can be just as serious as ground disturbance at a construction site. Whether you're planning to build a retaining wall, plant a tree or put in fence posts, remember to click or call before you dig to protect yourself, your family, neighbours and property.

CONSEQUENCES OF HITTING UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Loss of life / Personal injury
- Environmental contamination
- Explosion, fire, flood, or toxic gas escape
- Evacuation of a residential area
- Disruption of essential services
- Lawsuits / Medical costs / Legal costs
- Fines / Jail terms

Accidental damage can result in significant costs not only to the owners and operators of the facility and the parties responsible for the damage, but the taxpayer and all facility users as well.

HOW TO USE BC 1 CALL

1 Register as a BC 1 Call User online and submit an online locate request at bc1c.ca (or call **1-800-474-6886**) by providing your contact information and details about the dig site.

2 Upon receipt of a completed locate request, BC 1 Call will identify which of our members have underground infrastructure at or near your dig site, and notify them of your request.

3 You will receive same-day confirmation by email of BC 1 Call's receipt of your completed locate request and the names of the members that have been notified.

You will also be advised to contact any other parties (who are not members of BC 1 Call) and may have underground facilities in your excavation area.

4 Once our member companies receive the notice of your dig project they will respond within 3 business days with a map or drawing, or mark the ground using paint or flags where their utilities are buried.

HOW MUCH DOES IS COST?

\$0 There are no charges or costs to you for anything associated with this process.



MEMBERSHIP

We encourage all owners of underground facilities to become members of the One Call system.

By becoming a BC 1 Call member, you become part of an efficient safety team reducing the risk of loss of life, personal injury, environmental damage, and disruption of service.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER

- Reduce risk of facility damage and downtime, as well as improve safety and lower litigation and compensation costs
- Reduce costs by standardizing procedures for obtaining information from excavators
- Receive advance notice of planned excavation activity
- Increase public awareness about the inherent dangers of disturbing the ground by strengthening advertising programs
- Strengthen relationships with the digging community
- Collaborate with other owners and operators of buried facilities to achieve common goals

BC 1 Call has over 360 members across British Columbia including municipalities, Regional Districts, communication service providers, gas and pipeline companies and irrigation and improvement districts.

For more information, and to sign-up to become a member, visit bc1c.ca/membership.



Who are we?

BC 1 Call is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Our membership consists of utility owners of underground infrastructure all across British Columbia, including: Municipalities, Regional Districts, First Nations, Oil, Gas & Energy, Telecoms, Improvement/Water Districts and others. Visit bc1c.ca to view the full members list.

SUPPORTERS OF THE BC 1 CALL MESSAGE

- BC Common Ground Alliance (BCCGA)
- BC Oil & Gas Commission (BCOGC)
- Canadian Energy Regulator (CER)
- Technical Safety BC
- WorkSafeBC



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