

**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, who have joined BC 1 Call as members. By contacting BC 1 Call, private landowners and commercial excavators reduce the risk of personal injury and property damage.

## LOCATE REQUESTS

 **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.

## **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 BC1C

**1** Visit **bc1c.ca** or call **1-800-474-6886** to request a locate by providing information about your project.

**2** When your dig area has been determined, the BC 1 Call Damage Prevention Agent can identify which of our members has underground services buried on or near your site.

**3** You will receive confirmation with details of your project and the names of our members with buried facilities in your area. You will also be advised to contact any other parties who 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

In the interest of safety to the excavating community, 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 down time, as well as improve safety and lower litigation and compensation costs
- Opportunity to reduce costs by standardizing procedures for obtaining information from excavators
- Advance notice of planned excavation activity
- Opportunity to increase public awareness about the inherent dangers of disturbing the ground by strengthening advertising programs
- Strengthen relationships with the digging community
- Opportunity to work 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](https://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](https://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)
- Technical Safety BC
- WorkSafeBC



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## MAILING ADDRESS

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