

Protect yourself – Call Dig Safe before you excavate

These tips from CVPS are part of a year-long series to educate Vermonters about electrical safety and hazards.

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What you don't know can hurt you – but a free call can help prevent a tragedy.

Federal and state laws require excavators to notify appropriate utility companies before digging to ensure there are no underground lines in the vicinity. This can be done quickly and easily with a single call to Dig Safe, a non-profit company set up to expedite the process of identifying underground utility lines before digging occurs.

The system was created to promote public safety, avoid costly damage to underground facilities, reduce the likelihood of injuries, and reduce the cost and time of notifications.

For more safety tips, visit www.cvps.com/safety, and be sure to check out our newsletter, *Keeping Current*, which comes with your bill each month, for more from CVPS.

When you call Dig Safe, utilities have 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) to respond. Any underground facilities will be marked or staked by the member companies. The excavator will be given a Dig Safe number to acknowledge their call.

The Dig Safe system operates Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Off-hour coverage is provided for emergencies only.

Before digging, call Dig Safe toll-free at 1-888-DIG-SAFE.



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