

TOOLBOX TALKS

Call Before You Dig.....It's the Law!

Company Name _____

Date _____

Presenter Name _____

Job Site/Project _____

Anyone excavating in Vermont is required by law to call Dig Safe® at least two business days (48 working hours) prior to beginning work. Excavation is defined as the removal of earth, rock or other materials in the ground, disturbing the subsurface of the earth, or the demolition of any structure, by the discharge of explosives or the use of powered or mechanized equipment, including but not limited to digging, trenching, blasting, boring, drilling, hammering, post driving, wrecking, razing, or tunneling.

- Dig Safe System, Inc. is a communication network, assisting excavators, contractors and property owners in complying with state law by notifying the appropriate utilities before digging. Dig Safe®, a free service, notifies member companies of proposed excavation projects. In turn, these member utilities respond to the work area and identify the location of their underground facilities. Dig Safe® **DOES NOT** mark any utility lines.
- Before you call Dig Safe® you are required by law to premark your proposed excavation site with white paint.
- Dig Safe® permits can be obtained by phone by calling 1-888-344-7233 or 811 Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-6 p.m. or 24 hours a day at www.digsafe.com.
- When you call Dig Safe® you will need to provide several pieces of information including: your name, company name, contractor ID, address, phone and fax numbers, email address, type of work, and the location of your project including the following: state, town/city, address, nearest cross street(s), and latitude/longitude if available. A locate request form is available at www.digsafe.com/downloadform.php to help you organize this information.
- The Dig Safe® representative will tell you your permit number, and all member companies who will be notified of your excavation. You will need to record these for your information. If you use the online "Quick-Ticket" system you will receive confirmation of your permit including the notified utilities.
- Keep a copy of your Dig Safe® permit and the list of notified utilities at the job site for reference.
- In addition to calling Dig Safe® you will need to notify any non-member utilities of your excavation activities. These include water/sewer operators, some propane operators, and property owners.
- After you've called Dig Safe® wait two business days (excluding weekends and holidays) before beginning work. Dig Safe® permits are valid for 30 days from the time you called. If your project lasts longer than 30 days you must renew your permit by calling Dig Safe® again.

Attendees
