

What Do The Laws Say?

The following information is provided as a service to you and is not intended to be interpretations of the law. North Dakota One-Call encourages all excavators to get a current copy of your state's law and become familiar with it. For a complete copy of NDCC 49-23 or a presentation on North Dakota One Call and North Dakota law, please call (701) 475-2942 or email ndicall@bektel.com

North Dakota

Notice: In non-emergency situations, notice shall be provided at least 48 hours before beginning any excavations excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Each location request may not be used more than 10 calendar days unless previous arrangements have been made with the operators.

Utility Response

- Participate in and share in the costs of the statewide notification center.
- Underground facility owners shall locate and mark the horizontal location of their underground facilities within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays) or any extension of that period, after receiving notice from the center.

Reasonable Accuracy: Except for underground utilities that convey water, a strip of land two feet on either side of the underground facility.

Excavator Responsibility: After facilities are located, the excavator shall notify the notification center if:

- Excavator postpones excavating by more than 48 hours, or cancels the excavation.
- Marks have been obliterated or obscured.
- Weather has impeded the visibility of the marks.
- Site shows signs of recent excavation.
- Excavator has reason to believe the marks are incorrect or missing.
- Licensed excavators share in the costs on a per call basis.

Penalties: Costs of all damages, cost of repair, restoration, loss of product and interruption of service and any reasonable cost of suit.

Effective Date: State mandated One-Call system went fully into effect March 1, 1998.

Call 48 Hours Before You Dig

Have the following information ready before you call:

- Your Name
- Phone Number
- Street Address
- Dig Location
- Nearest Intersection
- County
- Township
- Range
- Section
- Quarter Section
- Driving Direction
- Type of Work
- Start Date & Time

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and avoid lawsuits . . .



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- **Be prepared** to pinpoint the location of your dig site. If you're in a city or town, give the agent the exact street address including directions (North, South, East or West) and suffixes (Lane, Road, Drive, Avenue, Street, Boulevard, etc.).

If you're outside the city limits without a street address or in a new subdivision, the following will help: Driving directions to the site, name of the property owner; township, range, section and 1/4 section, landmarks.

- Describe the type of work to be done and some detail as to where you are working on the site, including depth . . . providing white paint marking the borders of your excavation site is a great help to utility locators in trying to do a good job for you!

- **Plan** your start date and time to comply with North Dakota state law (provide 48 hours. Notice excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.)

North Dakota One-Call will notify participating operators of underground facilities for you. Operator representatives will come to your work site and mark where their buried facilities are located.

How do you know which marks are which? The following international color code is used throughout our service area. Many utilities also abbreviate the type of facility or display company names on the flags.

Once the site has been marked or you have been notified that a particular facility owner has nothing at your dig site and you have waited the required 48 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, you can begin to dig . . . SAFELY



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Color Codes

Red	Electric
Yellow	Gas/Oil
Blue	Water
Green	Sewer
Orange	Communications/Cable TV
Purple	Irrigation & Non-Potable Water
Pink	Temporary Survey Markings
White	Proposed Excavation



Remember, those marks tell you to stay at least 2 feet away from them: **THEY DO NOT MEAN "DIG HERE!"**

If you must dig near the marks carefully use a shovel or vacuum equipment and expose the lines before proceeding.

Remember, the best reason to following these simple guidelines is waiting for you at home . . . your family.

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