



Hazards posed by striking buried underground utilities include property damage, injury, electrocutions, and even explosions.

Always respect the markings and flags placed by the locating service. Take a moment to review the chart of colors assigned to potential buried hazards.



Remember also to call 811 from anywhere in the country a few days prior to working on excavations or trenches and the call will automatically be routed to the local one call center.

OSHA Standard 1926.651(b)(2) says that utility companies or owners shall be contacted within established or customary local response times, advised of the proposed work, and asked to establish the location of the utility underground installations prior to the start of actual excavation.