

TOOLBOX MEETING GUIDE



Marking underground facilities

Proper marking of underground facilities is an important part of the communication process between excavators and operators.

As a ground disturber or excavator, you are required to use markings for indicating the area of proposed excavations unless it can be shown that the use of markings is not practical. Marking provides an accurate reference of the construction area, underground facilities, and other relevant hazards.

Where possible, excavators should use the CSA colour standards provided below.

Colour codes for marking underground utility lines (universal standards)			
Electrical power lines, cables, conduits and ducts, or lighting wires and cables	Red		
Gas, oil, petroleum, steam, or gaseous material	Yellow		
Telephone, communications, cable TV, alarm or signal lines, wires, cable, conduits, or ducts	Orange		
Water lines or pipes	Blue		
Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, culvert, or drain lines	Green		
Temporary survey markings	Pink		
Limits of proposed excavation	White		
Irrigation, reclaimed water, or slurry lines or pipes	Purple		

Project:		Address:	
Employer:		Supervisor:	
Date:	Time:	Shift:	
Number in crew:		_ Number attending:	

Other safety issues or suggestions made by crew members:

Record of those attending:

Name: (please print)	Signature:	Company:
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Manager's remarks:_____

Manager:

Supervisor:

(signature)

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