

Avoid Excavation Damages & Costs

Damage Prevention is a comprehensive suite of services targeted at avoiding excavation damage and associated costs. The primary services are **One-Call Locating, Damage Prevention Vehicles/Inspection, and Problem Locate Resolution.**

When the totality of these services is utilized by our clients, they significantly reduce their PSC regulated damage ratio and associated costs including fines. They will maximize the protection of life and our environment.

One Call Locating



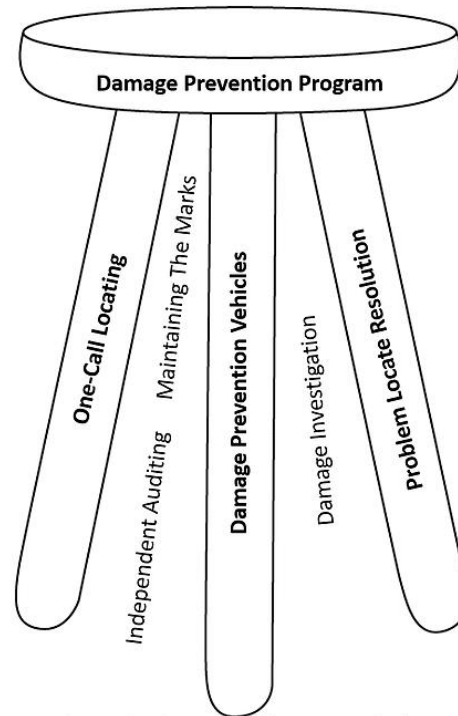
One-Call Locating is a foundational service in Damage Prevention. If the utility owner works in conjoint with UDIG NY (811) notifications and properly locates and marks all their underground utilities prior to excavation, they have taken the first step to ensure no damages to their utilities.

Damage Prevention Vehicles/Inspection



The second step is Damage Prevention Vehicles/Inspection. This program involves engaging, educating, and monitoring the work of primary and 3rd party contractors/excavators/homeowners as they do their work. Yes, you start with locating and marking

utilities, but this alone doesn't ensure an excavator is and remains in compliance with NYS Code Rule 753. It doesn't ensure that the excavator understands or follows the markings, hand exposes utilities inside the tolerance zone as appropriate. For lengthy excavation projects, it doesn't ensure that the excavator maintains the marks. Hence, Damage Prevention Vehicles/Inspection is another level of vigilance as it relates to damage prevention.



Problem Locate Resolution

The third and strategic component of OTM's Damage Prevention Program is **Problem Locate Resolution.** Problem locates by definition are high risk scenarios as there is uncertainty regarding the location of an underground utility. Rather than simply marking it by measurement for a given job, this program involves full investigation and more importantly resolution of the problem so that it no longer is a problem.



For example, a problem locate resulting from a missing or broken tracer wire can be remediated by installing a new tracer wire. A problem locate resulting from an inaccurate map/documentation can be resolved by properly locating, marking, verifying, and updating the map. This service utilized over time can fundamentally improve a client's utility asset mapping and improve the ROI on programs like One Call Locating and Damage Prevention Vehicles.

These three legs of the Damage Prevention Program stool can be reinforced by Independent Auditing, Maintaining The Marks, and Damage Investigation. Read more on the back side of this brochure about these services.