

811 Safe Excavation Workshops

Damage Prevention is a Shared Responsibility Dig-in Reduction Team (DiRT)



Purpose:

PG&E is committed to improving excavation safety and reducing damages to underground infrastructure.

Each year, PG&E's Dig-in Reduction Team (DiRT) conducts approximately 200 safe excavation workshops aimed at educating companies and individuals who excavate.

Prior to conducting these workshops, in 2014 PG&E experienced a dig-in ratio of approximately 2.41 dig-ins per 1000 USA tickets. Through participation in these workshops, this ratio has drastically been reduced to 0.98 in 2021.

This reduced dig-in ratio is due to the combination of a significant increase in the number of USA tickets received and a drop in total excavation damages.

PG&E attributes this progress in reducing excavation damages to company-wide efforts.

These efforts include:

- Excavator education & partnership
- Improved Locate & Mark practices
- Investigation and evaluation of all dig-ins
- Metric tracking and visibility
- Partnering with One Call Centers

For more information or to schedule a no-cost workshop. please contact DiRT at:

damageprevention@pge.com



Topics Covered:

- **Excavation Defined**
- Legal requirements for a USA ticket
 - **Delineations**
 - Potholina
 - Renewals, Remarks, Field Meets & Standbys
- Study of previous incidents (recent & historical)
- Current trends in excavation damages
- Current CA Excavation Laws
 - GC 4216
 - CCR Title 8 Section 1541

