



A worker in a trench during the excavation of a section of road.

PROMOTING SAFE EXCAVATION PRACTICES

DBYD is a free national community service designed to prevent damage and disruption to the vast underground pipe and cable networks around Australia. The service works together with organisations involved in the ownership, maintenance and construction of underground infrastructure, acting as the single point of contact between asset owners and locators.

The national enquiry service is available to anyone planning to excavate and provides education and awareness programs to protect construction workers, utility assets and the community in every state and territory.

Dial Before You Dig (DBYD) is made up of five state-based entities that form the national organisation. Members include owners of communications, gas, electricity, water, sewerage and local government assets.

DBYD assists in damage prevention to underground infrastructure covering more than 740,000 km and valued at more than AU\$340 billion. Before undertaking any

excavation project, whether big or small, it's important to confirm the location of buried assets.

Engaging with DBYD members significantly minimises the risks associated with this by providing information about the work site. Safety is a fundamental aspect of any excavation project and lodging an enquiry with the service is the essential first step in this process.

The service is free, quick and easy to use, so it makes sense to use DBYD to pinpoint the presence of underground pipes and cables. Following the 'Five Ps' of safe excavation ensures the right steps are taken.

THE '5PS' OF SAFE SITE PRACTICE

Following these guidelines can ensure the right steps are taken.

Plan

Lodge a DBYD enquiry at least two business days before starting any excavation to ensure you have the correct information and safety measures in place.

Prepare

Review the utility plans and contact the utility if you need assistance. Look for on site asset and infrastructure clues such as pit lids, marker posts and meters.

Engage a DBYD Certified Locator who can undertake electronic location prior to potholing.

Pothole

To establish the exact location of all underground infrastructure, pothole if permitted using the asset owner's stated method as specified on the asset owner's plan and/or information pack.

Protect

If potholing has occurred, protect the infrastructure using various methods, such as communicating to everyone working on site, erecting barriers and marking the location of the exposed infrastructure.

Proceed

You should only proceed with your excavation work after you have planned,

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prepared, potholed (unless prohibited) and have protective measures in place. There are a number of educational resources available on the DBYD website to

assist in the protection of Australia's infrastructure assets, including arranging free on-site awareness presentations on safe work practices. **T**

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Hear from Industry Experts and learn about:

- The Dial Before You Dig Service
- The importance of safe excavation
- The awareness of working around assets
- The consequences of damaging infrastructure
- How to avoid damage to networks
- Speak to asset owners directly

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