

PROTECTION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES (EXCERPT)
Act 53 of 1974

***** 460.708 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 174 OF 2013 EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014 *****

460.708 Information as to approximate location of underground facilities; color coding; additional assistance; removal or protection of facilities.

Sec. 8. Not less than 1 working day in advance of proposed construction, unless otherwise agreed between the person or public agency performing the excavation, discharging of explosives, drilling, boring, tunneling, or demolition and the public utility, a public utility served with notice pursuant to section 5 or 7 shall inform the person or public agency of the approximate location of the underground facilities owned or operated by the public utility in the proposed area of excavation, discharging of explosives, drilling, boring, tunneling, or demolition, in a manner that enables the person or public agency to employ hand dug test holes or other similar means of establishing the precise location of the underground facilities using reasonable care to establish the precise location of the underground facilities in advance of construction. For the purposes of this act, the approximate location of underground facilities is defined as a strip of land at least 36 inches wide but not wider than the width of the facility plus 18 inches on either side of the facility. If the approximate location of an underground facility is marked with stakes or other physical means, the public utility shall follow the color coding prescribed in this section.

Utility and Type of Product	Specific Group Identifying Color
Electric power distribution and transmission	Safety red
Municipal electric systems	Safety red
Gas distribution and transmission	High visibility safety yellow
Oil distribution and transmission	High visibility safety yellow
Dangerous materials, product lines	High visibility safety yellow
Telephone and telegraph systems	Safety alert orange
Cable television	Safety alert orange
Police and fire communications	Safety alert orange
Water systems	Safety precaution blue
Sewer systems	Safety brown
Storm drains	Safety green
Land survey monumentation	High visibility safety pink

All safety alert orange markings shall include the name or type of the company who owns the underground facility to be marked. If the precise location of the underground facilities cannot be established, the person or public agency shall then notify the public utility, which shall no later than 1 working day after the notice provide such further assistance as may be needed to determine the precise location of the underground facilities in advance of the proposed excavating, tunneling, discharging of explosives, drilling or boring procedures, or demolition operations. Where demolition of a building is proposed and the public utility is notified, it shall be given reasonable time to remove or protect its facilities before demolition of the building.

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