

MODERNIZE KY'S CALL BEFORE YOU DIG LAW

Address KY's Underground Facility Damage Prevention Laws

OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS CLIMATE

Each year millions of dollars in property damage, personal injuries, even loss of life occur because of careless digging, boring and blasting when underground facilities were not located prior to excavating.

Digging can be an expensive, dangerous venture. Underground facilities are extremely vulnerable to damage during any type of excavating.

Kentucky's dig law, also known as the "Call Before You Dig" law, last saw significant revision in the 1980s.

APPROACH TO TACKLE THE ISSUE

Reducing damage to owners and operators of underground facilities and to promote public safety by reducing the number of incidents statewide.

A coalition of interested parties including excavators, regulators and utilities have worked to draft a consensus bill for the 2020 Legislative Session.

WHY DOES IT MATTER TO MY BUSINESS

The Public Service Commission indicates that there have been roughly 1,000 dig-ins to natural gas facilities in recent years, posing a threat to communities.

Kentucky's current statute leaves a great deal of uncertainty around the locate process which results in interruptions to water, gas, electric and telecommunications utilities which can have a negative impact on business through decreased reliability.

This statewide, one-call system is reporting expansion in several key areas. Increased reliance on and continuing growth of the one-call system helps prove the effectiveness and value of the service.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO DO

Support the effort to modernize Kentucky's Dig Law.

Encourage proactive communication between utilities and excavators to ensure facilities are properly marked before excavation begins.

Establish statutes that give more certainty to timeframes for locating.

Eliminate lag time between locating and excavating to reduce unnecessary relocations.