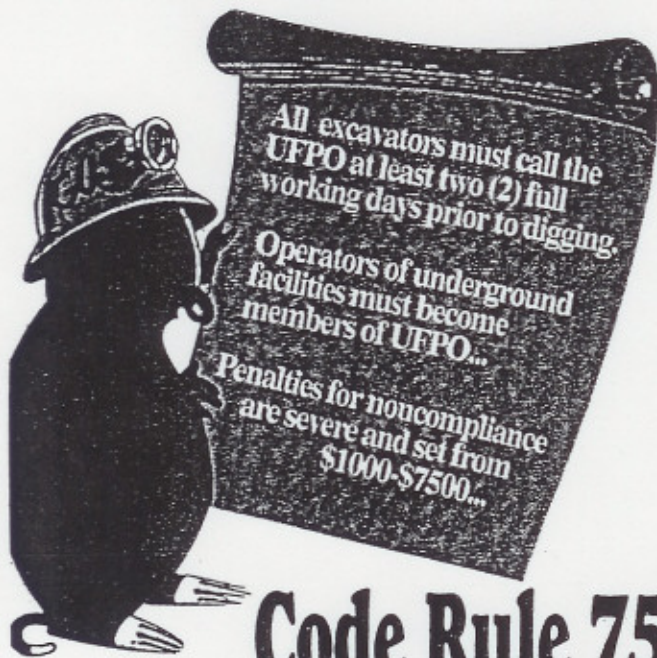


Excavators...



**Code Rule 753
is your protection
when using...**

WHAT CODE RULE 753 MEANS TO YOU!

- All excavators must call the UFPO at least two (2) full working days prior to digging.
- All operators of underground facilities must become members of the UFPO One-Call network. When notified of an excavation which could affect their facilities, operators have (2) full working days to locate and mark all of their buried lines within 15 feet of the proposed work area.
- In the event of an emergency, operators must locate their buried utilities as soon as possible.
- Once the buried utilities are marked at a site, the excavators must verify the precise locations of the underground facility by hand digging if the utility's "Tolerance Zone" overlaps with the work area.
- The excavator is responsible for protecting and preserving the stakings, markings or other designations.
- The excavator must provide support and prevent damage to any underground facility or its protective coating.
- Excavators and utility operators must understand and use the State Color Code for facility markings.
- These rules and regulations will be enforced by the Public Service Commission in conjunction with the Attorney General.
- Penalties for noncompliance are set from \$1000-\$7500 and an excavator can be enjoined from completing work on a site.

HOW DOES THE UFPO ONE-CALL SYSTEM WORK?

The UFPO's One-Call Center, located in Syracuse, NY, functions as a communications hub, relaying pending excavation plans to facility owning members whose buried services may be directly affected by the planned excavation.

- Excavators call the UFPO toll-free at 1-800-962-7962.
- UFPO customer service representatives request and transmit information regarding pending excavations to appropriate member facility owners.
- The customer service representatives inform callers which member facility owners will be contacted and issue serialized reference numbers for documentation.
- Contacted member facility owners must locate their buried lines and then notify the excavator that their utilities are either clear or marked at the proposed worksite.

UFPO COVERAGE AREA

Established in 1970, the UFPO is a not-for-profit organization serving all of New York State with the exception of the New York City and Long Island areas. Everyone benefits from the UFPO's One-Call service!

WHEN YOU CALL THE UFPO, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING:

- 2 full working day's notice (*except in emergency situations*)
- Excavating company name
- Caller's name
- Company, address, phone and fax
- County in which work is being done
- Name of specific city, village or town
- Name and number of street
- Nearest intersecting street to work site
- If work is within 500' of a traffic signal
- Other details about site location
- Date and time work is to begin
- Type of work being done
- If you are blasting
- Means of excavating
- Who work is being done for (*if applicable*)
- Name of field contact
- Cellular or field office phone number

Any nonmember facility owner must be contacted separately. In New York City and Long Island, call OCUC at 1-800-272-4480.

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