



State Law Reference Guide

State Law Requirements	Massachusetts	Maine	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Vermont
Who is required to provide notification?	All excavators				
What areas require notification?	Public ways and private property		Within 100 feet of underground utilities		
Who is required to join the Dig Safe System?	Gas, Electric, Telephone, Cable TV and Private Water Companies	Gas, Electric, Telephone, and Cable TV	Gas, Electric, Telephone, Cable TV and Public Water Companies	Gas, Electric, Telephone, Cable TV and Public Water Companies	Gas, Electric, Telephone, and Cable TV
Notification time requirements* Minimum	72 hours (not including weekends and holidays)			48 hours (not including weekends and holidays)	
Maximum	30 days				
Emergencies	ASAP				
Response Time by Utilities	72 hours			48 hours	
Notification for unanticipated blasting after initial notification	4 hours		*****	4 hours	*****
Remark Notification	24 hours		*****	24 hours	48 hours
Violation Penalties first offense	\$500	Up to \$500	\$500	\$200	Up to \$1,000
Subsequent offense	\$1,000 to \$5,000	Up to \$5,000	Up to \$5,000	\$500 to \$1,000	Up to \$1,000
Premarking requirement	Yes			No	Yes

* The excavator is responsible for maintaining designated markings