



# Dig Law Update

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## Dig Law Questions?

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## UTC Mission

The UTC regulates the services of privately or investor owned utility and transportation companies. Our mission is to ensure that services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.

## By the Numbers—March

Damage reports are coming in and we want to share how things are shaping up. For the month of March, 166 damage incidents have been reported with 64 of those occurring without a locate. For a breakdown of what facilities were affected, [click here](#).



## Getting Back to Business

Have you missed our monthly dig law update? We will begin our monthly updates again providing information on a variety of topics pertaining to the updated dig law. If you have any questions about the law, or have suggestions for update topics, please contact [Anna Gill](#).

## Damage Reporting

Don't forget you now are now required to report damages to the commission within 45 calendar days. If you have not already registered with the commission's VirtualDIRT, [click here](#). **If you have registered, it is important that you "share" your DIRT data.** If you do not share your data, the commission will not receive your reports and they will not be included in Washington's damage statistics. To share your data, company administrators need to select the "Grant Data" option on the main menu. For more detailed instructions, [click here](#). DIRT can be accessed via a link on the [commission's website](#). If you have any questions regarding DIRT, sharing data or the new requirement, contact [Anna Gill](#).



## Safety Committee Update

The Washington Dig Law Safety Committee is up and running. If you have a complaint regarding violations of the dig law as of Jan. 1, you can [file a complaint](#) online. The committee is also charged with advising government entities, including the Legislature, about best practices, training and policies to enhance public safety. If you have any issues you would like to see the committee address, contact them via the [Washington Utilities Coordinating Council](#).



## Question of the Month

With the new law now in effect, we thought it would be helpful to publish a question we have received pertaining to the new dig law in each update. Remember, the commission is here to help with any questions or issues you might have.

**Q: If an email address is not available when providing information regarding unlocatable facilities, can certified mail be used if it is sent within the two business day requirement?**

**A:** Unless there is a mutual agreement between the parties, the utility operator would have to guarantee that the available information has been delivered to the excavator within two business days in order to comply with requirements of 19.122.030(4)(a). If you have any questions regarding this answer, or about RCW 19.122 in general, contact [Anna Gill](#).

## Publications

The commission has a number of publications outlining changes to the dig law for each stakeholder group. To view these resources, [click here](#).

