

# 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.

## Upcoming Events

**November 7**

**Damage Prevention Seminar**—  
Bellevue.



## Need Training?

Is your company, organization or agency familiar with all the changes to the dig law?



Will you be ready by January 1? The commission is happy to come speak to your group, provide information and answer any questions you have regarding the upcoming law changes. If you are interested, contact [Anna Gill](mailto:agill@utc.wa.gov).



## Share your DIRT with the Commission

Have you created your DIRT account yet? Starting January 1, when damage occurs, the commission must be notified of the incident via CGA's Virtual DIRT tool. If you have created an account, be sure it is set to share data with the commission. Just creating an account isn't enough, in order for the commission to see your reports, your company admin will have to "share" your DIRT data. To see what your sharing page should look like, [click here](#). DIRT can be accessed via a link on the [commission's website](#). Don't scramble to get started come January. Set up your account now and play around with the system so you are ready to go. Learn more about [DIRT](#) and be ready by January! If you have any questions regarding DIRT or the new requirement, contact [Anna Gill](#).

## Meet the Safety Committee!

The Safety Committee is coming together. The 13-member committee hosted by the [Washington Utilities Coordinating Council](#) has been selected and even held their first meeting! The group is working hard to be ready to hear your complaints of alleged violations of the dig law and develop best practices and education programs all centered around damage prevention. Congratulations and thank you for volunteering your time to be a part of the safety committee.

## 2013 Safety Committee Members:

Gary Hyatt, Northwest Natural Gas (Natural Gas)  
Bryan Sabari, Puget Sound Energy (Electric)  
Gary Hajek, Cross Valley Water (Consumer-Owned Utility)  
Mark Scoccolo, SCI Infrastructure, LLC (Contractor)  
Justin Adams, Williams NW Pipeline (Pipeline)  
Dave Christensen, City of Renton (Local Government)  
Anna Gill, Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC)  
Scot Hattenburg, M&L Construction (Excavator)  
Larry Bailey, Water and Sewer Risk Management Pool (Insurance)  
Joe Robertson, CenturyLink (Telecommunications)  
John Cornelius, Wa Dept. of Transportation (Open Position)  
Kemp Garcia, Bravo Environmental (Open Position)  
James Yoder, ELM Locating (Open Position)

## Damage Reporting Rulemaking

The CR-102 has been filed and companies have their final



opportunity to comment on the draft damage reporting rules proposed by the commission. You can also participate in the formal rule adoption hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the commission in Olympia. To view the most recent draft and corresponding comments for gas rules, [click here](#). To view draft and comments for hazardous liquid rules, [click here](#). For more information about either filing, contact [Dave Lykken](#).

## Miss the MRSC Webinar?

If you were unable to participate in the dig law webinar hosted by the [Municipal Research and Services Center](#) (MRSC) highlighting the impending changes to RCW 19.122 when it aired Oct. 2, [click here](#) and check it out. A number of great questions were asked at the end of the webinar and a Q&A has been created using them. Visit the [UTC website](#) to view them all. If you have additional questions relating to the webinar, contact [Anna Gill](#).

## Publications

The commission has a number of publications outlining changes to the dig law for each stakeholder group. To request any publications, contact [Anna Gill](#).

