



# The Hidden Dangers of Utility Strikes

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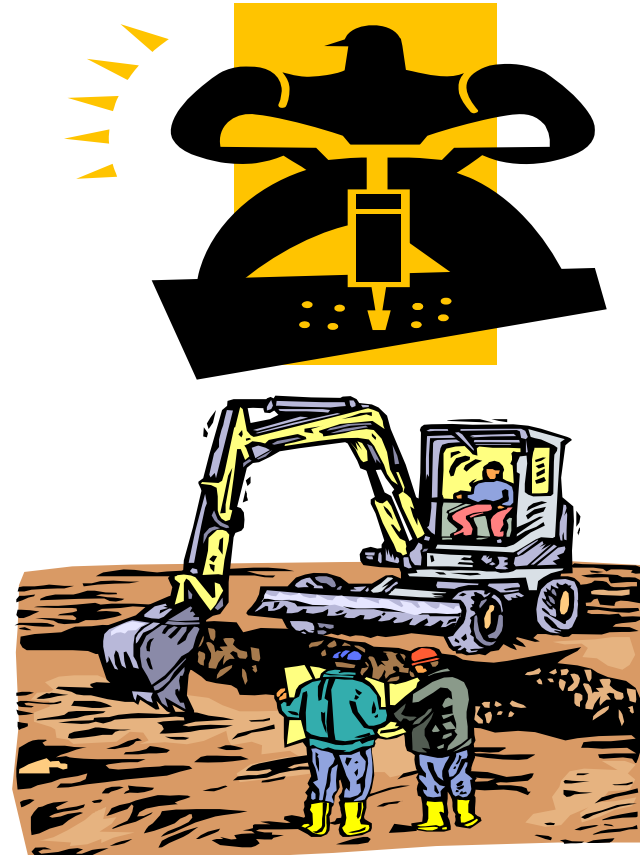
# Are Utility Strikes – Preventable?

- Our rationale for Yes is a lack of:
  - Understanding the job dangers;
  - Not having the proper mind set;
  - Improper planning;
  - Improper equipment and tools;
  - Lack of excavation experience & knowledge



# It Starts with Management and Supervision

- The Mgmt. challenge is to change the mind-set of our managers, supervisors and workers in their:
  - Planning.....
  - Understanding and knowing the dangers and potential cost; and
  - To be **consistent and persistent** in doing the right thing!!!!



# What were our First Considerations?

- **District of Columbia utility identification history and practices of utilities;**
- Historical factors and growth in a urban environment; (*Metro, electrical, water, cable and phone systems technology;*)
- **Recognition of the problem – cost related to street paving and community disruption;**
- Defining accountability;
- **Developing the will and determination to prevent utility disruptions;**









# How will we Safely Work in These Environments

- Training and educating our workers;
- Sharing of ideas and experiences;
- Supporting strike prevention measures;
- Establishing accountability and not fault finding;
- Tracking and reporting - with a purpose;
- Creation of incentive programs;
- Utilities, construction companies, etc. working together for the same goal;



Thank You

Questions