

Underground Network

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SCGA Contractor Safety Breakfasts

This year, Safe Digging month in April will be kicked off with 23 breakfast events being held across the Province. This year there will be two locations with guest speaker Mike Sullivan of CCGA. These will be Regina and Lloydminster while Yorkton will have a panel discussion. Thanks to the 18 industry supporters that fund these essential safety meetings for stakeholders across the province.

This year's video explores Safety around NEB regulated pipelines, an interview with Sask1st Call, and a perspective on digging safely from both a contractor and a locator. We wrap everything up with a demonstration on how to work safe around overhead lines including life-saving techniques to save your life if you do experience a line contact. Mike Sullivan, the Executive Director of the Canadian Common Ground Alliance then provides an update on the status of Bill S229, a federal plan to make all underground utilities in Canada subscribe to a first call service.

[Click to register.](#) or go to www.scga.ca for more details. Registration is required by **March 23rd.**



Damage Prevention Magazine

The special locating edition of this magazine that comes out April 6th provides an article highlighting the SCGA Annual Safety Contractor breakfasts. You can read this article and others at: dp-pro.com

Government of Saskatchewan Declares April Safe Digging Month in Saskatchewan

Minister Joe Hargrave, Minister Crown Investments has supported SCGA's request to declare April as Safe Digging Month in Saskatchewan. Every year there are over 1000 incidents with underground infrastructure, many of which could have been avoided. Let's make this April, and the rest of 2018, safe!

DIRT

SCGA has initiated a DIRT sub-committee to educate Contractors and Infrastructure owners on the merits of inputting into this valuable database. Names are redacted and statistics are given back to provide awareness of common issues related to the safety of workers and damage of infrastructure. This valuable information can then be used for safety meetings, training and instruction to new workers. For more information on DIRT please go to: commongroundalliance.com/programs

Bill S-229

This is an Act respecting underground infrastructure safety that needs your support. This will ensure that owners of underground infrastructure will be required to register with a one call centre in their province. Please go to lcandigsafe.ca to send a letter to your MP today to let them know how important this bill is to Saskatchewan.

Welcome to New Members and Sponsors

The following new members are welcomed to the SCGA!

Thank you very much for your support.

Polus Telecommunications Ltd.

Proactive Consulting Services Limited

If you would like to join the SCGA, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. [SCGA Membership](#)

CALENDAR REMINDERS FOR 2018

April **2018 Membership & Sponsorship Fees DUE**

April 3 - 20 SCGA Contractor Safety Breakfasts

May 24 SCGA Members Meeting , Saskatoon Inn