



You Have a Role in

## DAMAGE PREVENTION

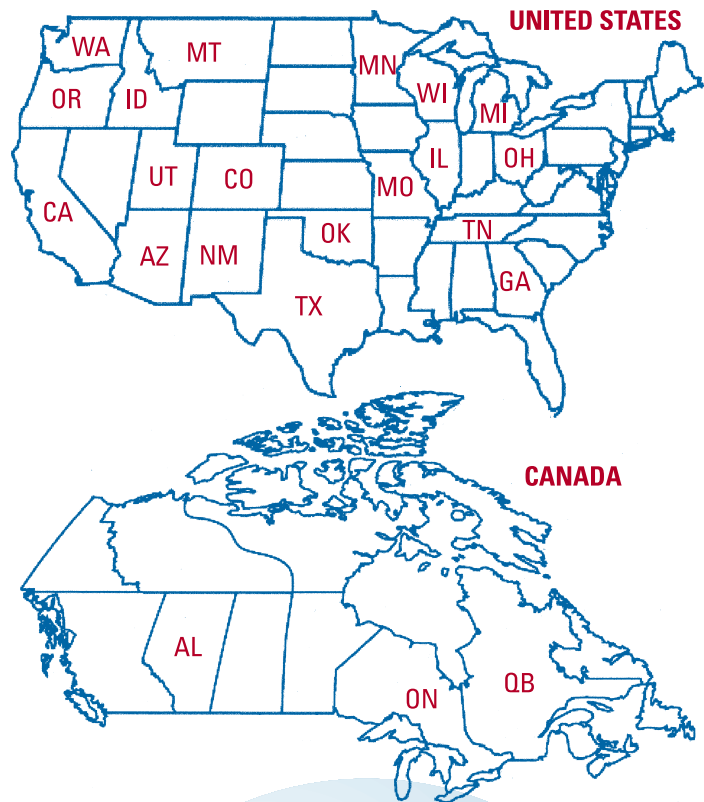
Contractors, municipal entities, emergency response groups, underground utility owners and operators, one call centers, regulators and others all have a stake in preventing damage to critical underground services and facilities. If you serve in any function during excavation activity, you have a role in the *shared responsibility* that comes with underground damage prevention.

In the spirit of shared responsibility, the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) provides an effective *local* forum to discuss best practices in damage prevention. In communities throughout the United States and Canada, the CGA works cooperatively with local damage prevention organizations, and encourages the development of these programs in other areas where they do not currently exist.

# Common Ground Alliance

## REGIONAL PARTNERS

### States and Provinces with a CGA Regional Partnership (current as of 09/04)



### Benefits of the Partnership Program

*Partnering with regional damage prevention groups benefits both the CGA and regional damage prevention groups.*

- Strengthens the partnership among national, regional, state, and local damage prevention groups.
- Encourages promotion of best practices and illustrates the benefits of CGA membership and participating in damage prevention activities.
- Offers one of the most immediate and cost effective methods to exchange information between stakeholders.
- Provides national support and visibility to stakeholders joining in local discussions.
- Strengthens existing groups by helping to recruit stakeholders who may not currently participate in local damage prevention discussions.
- Enables regional damage prevention groups to voice opinions and influence national CGA initiatives more effectively.

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## Partnership Requirements & Application Process

### Requirements

The CGA only has two requirements for becoming a regional partner.

1. One of the Regional Partner's primary objectives should be to promote communication about damage prevention Best Practices.
2. Regional Partners must agree not to exclude any stakeholder group from their discussions.

### Application

To become a Regional Partner, you must submit a petition to the Common Ground Alliance. Please complete the attached petition and submit to the CGA along with your organization's mission statement. Please contact the CGA office at 703-836-1709 with any questions or visit [www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com).

We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to promote and improve damage prevention practices.



For More Information:  
Call: 703-836-1709

Web site: [www.commongroundalliance.com](http://www.commongroundalliance.com)

## Partnering with Communities

The CGA would like to partner with your damage prevention entity because networking with all stakeholders locally and nationally in a more unified manner will lead to decreased excavation damage to underground facilities.

The CGA is committed to identifying and promoting Best Practices for damage prevention. At the core of this goal is the need to communicate, cooperate, and coordinate with damage prevention initiatives across the country.

The CGA will not take-over or control any existing damage prevention program. We want to partner with damage prevention organizations that share common goals and establish new organizations where none currently exist.



# Regional Partner Program

## PETITION FOR PARTNERSHIP

Date		
Name of Group		
Description of Group's Geographic Location		
Contact for Group	Name	
	Mailing Address	
	Phone	
	E-Mail	

We, the undersigned leaders of this damage prevention group, do hereby petition to partner with the CGA to promote communication among all stakeholders about damage prevention Best Practices. We agree to include all stakeholders in our damage prevention group.

	NAME (please print)	STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPRESENTED*	E-Mail Address, if applicable
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*\*Stakeholder groups include: telecommunications, excavator, state regulator, locator, insurance, railroad, public works, one call, equipment manufacturer, gas, engineering and design, road builder, electric, locator, oil, and private water.*

Please attach to this petition your group's mission statement, and other relevant information that would be helpful to understand your organization's activities and stakeholders participating in the group, and send the information to:

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If you have any questions about this CGA initiative, please contact the CGA office at 703-836-1709.



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