



# Locators

## Common Ground Alliance's Damage Prevention Institute

### What is the Damage Prevention Institute?

The mission of CGA's Damage Prevention Institute (DPI) is to address systemic inefficiencies in the damage prevention process through the development of a system of comprehensive participant accreditation and metrics, creating the foundation for a consolidated benchmarking and true peer review process.



What gets **measured fairly** and **equitably**, gets **managed fairly** and **equitably**.

### DPI takes damage prevention to the next level:

- ✓ Focuses the industry on **accountability** for all stakeholder groups
- ✓ Increases **engagement** of each stakeholder group in their critical roles in the damage prevention process
- ✓ Serves as an **organizational management** tool for damage prevention programs
- ✓ Provides a **transparent** benchmarking process for all stakeholders
- ✓ Facilitates **peer reviews** to evaluate damage prevention practices and enable greater sharing of opportunities and strategies between stakeholders

### Why participate in the DPI?

The DPI will focus on balanced, unbiased measurement across stakeholder groups. In the first year of the DPI, stakeholder performance will be measured as follows:

#### Locators:

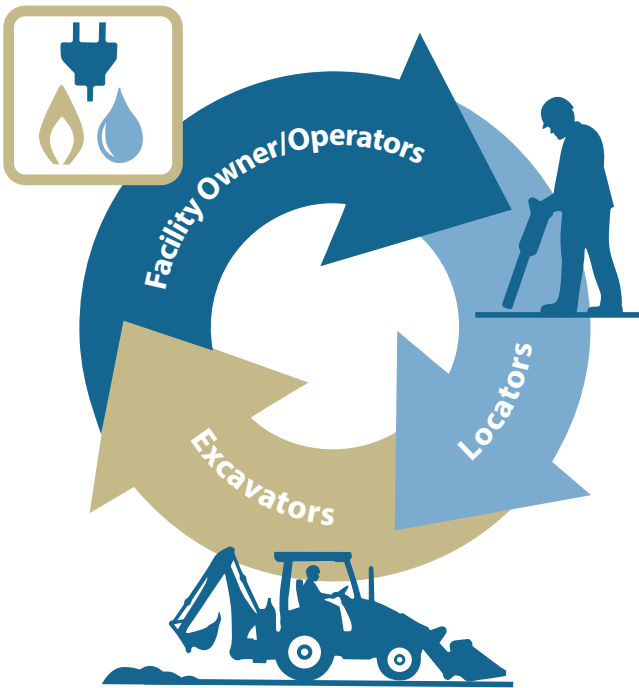
Accuracy and timeliness of locates

#### Facility Owner/Operators:

Mapping quality and timeliness of updates

#### Excavators

Use of safe excavation practices



## How DPI Serves Locators

- Work with DPI-accredited organizations who prioritize their accountability to other stakeholders in the damage prevention process.
- Understand your organization's performance in relation to your peers.
- Drive the development of the next generation of key performance indicators in damage prevention.
- Share and learn strategies for driving down damages through peer review.

## How To Become DPI Accredited

### STEP 1:

#### Be a CGA Member.\*

CGA membership is open to all damage prevention stakeholders dedicated to reducing damages to critical underground infrastructure. **Participation in the DPI is included with your CGA membership.** Several membership levels are available, with lower-cost options for governments/ municipalities and organizations with fewer than 10 employees.



### STEP 2:

#### Complete the DPI enrollment form on the DPI website



The enrollment form requests from excavators a leadership commitment to the DPI that includes the following:

- Damage reporting
- Metrics reporting (*tickets received, on-time locates, etc.*)
- Whistleblower and stop-work authority
- Investigation and corrective action
- Commitment to awareness training and testing on an annual basis
- Compliance with laws and regulations
- Implementation of applicable CGA Best Practices

### STEP 3:

#### Submit damage data to the Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT).

- An email invitation to create a DIRT account is sent after the DPI enrollment form is completed
- For help submitting DIRT data, access video tutorials and the user guide at [cga-dirt.com](http://cga-dirt.com)

### STEP 4:

#### Participate in a peer review.

The pilot program for peer reviews will take place in 2023, with rollout to all stakeholders in 2024.

#### \* Benefits of CGA membership

- Influence the work being done by CGA committees (Including Data Reporting & Evaluation, Educational Programs & Marketing, Best Practices, and Technology)
- Ensure your stakeholder group is well represented
- Demonstrate your commitment to damage prevention
- Gain exposure to new and emerging damage prevention technologies
- Access CGA materials, reports, and program information exclusive to association members
- Member pricing on CGA publications and events

For any questions about the Damage Prevention Institute, contact the DPI team at [dpi@commongroundalliance.com](mailto:dpi@commongroundalliance.com) or visit [dpi.commongroundalliance.com](http://dpi.commongroundalliance.com).