



Facility Owners & Operators

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

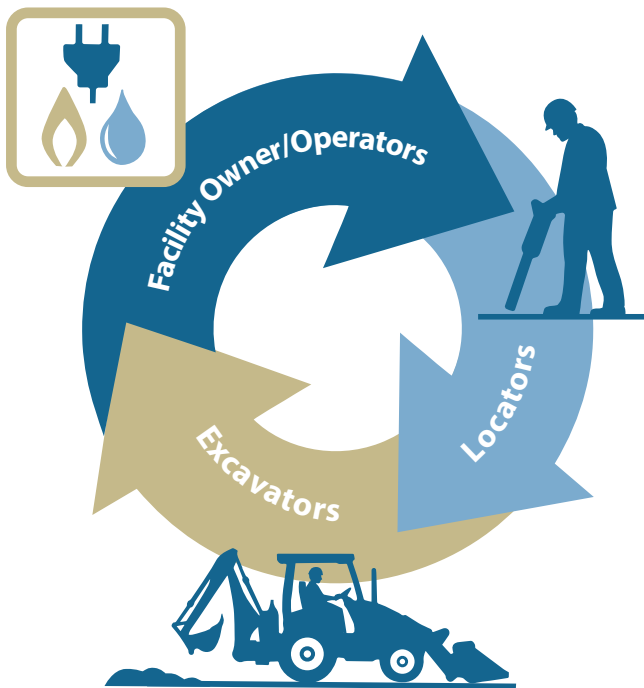
Why participate in the DPI?

The DPI will focus on balanced, unbiased measurement across stakeholder groups. Initially, stakeholder performance will be measured as follows:

Facility Owner/Operators:
Mapping quality and timeliness of updates

Locators:
Accuracy and timeliness of locates

Excavators
Use of safe excavation practices



How DPI Serves Facility Owners/Operators

- Work with DPI-accredited stakeholders 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, for corporations, associations, government entities and municipalities.

STEP 2:

Complete the DPI enrollment form.



The enrollment form requests from facility owner/operators a leadership commitment to the DPI.

- Damage reporting
- Metrics reporting
- Whistleblower and stop-work authority
- Investigation and corrective action
- 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 dirt.commongroundalliance.com

STEP 4:

Participate in a peer review.

The test pilot 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
- Benefit from member pricing on CGA publications and events

For any questions about the Damage Prevention Institute, contact the DPI team at dpi@commongroundalliance.com or visit dpi.commongroundalliance.com.