



# Locators

## Common Ground Alliance's Damage Prevention Institute

### What is the Damage Prevention Institute?

CGA's Damage Prevention Institute (DPI) addresses systemic inefficiencies in the damage prevention process. Through a system of comprehensive participant accreditation and metrics, the DPI establishes the foundation for peer-reviewed performance benchmarking.

What gets measured,  
gets managed.



### How does the DPI take damage prevention to the next level for locators?

- Focuses the industry on accountability for key stakeholders
- Provides a transparent benchmarking process
- Facilitates peer reviews to assess damage prevention practices and enable greater sharing of opportunities and strategies amongst stakeholders
- Engages all participants to build consensus and momentum around what good performance looks like in the damage prevention process
- Serves as an organizational management tool for evaluating damage prevention programs
- Provides marketable organizational performance information as compared to peers



# How To Become DPI Accredited

## STEP 1:

### Become a CGA Member.

CGA membership is open to all damage prevention stakeholders dedicated to reducing damages to critical underground infrastructure.

**Learn more and become a member.**



- Annual employee training and testing
- Participation in peer review
- Compliance with laws and regulations
- Implementation of applicable CGA Best Practices
- Documentation and maintenance of written policies

## STEP 2:

### Complete the DPI enrollment form.

The DPI enrollment form is located in the online member portal. As a locator the enrollment form requests a leadership commitment to the DPI that includes the following:

- Monthly damage reporting
- Monthly metrics reporting
- Whistleblower and stop work authority
- Investigation and corrective action policy

## STEP 3:

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

An email invitation to create a DIRT account is sent after the DPI enrollment form is completed. Facility owners/operators are measured on mapping quality and timeliness of updates; locators on accuracy and timeliness of locates; and excavators on safe excavation practices.



“The DPI belongs to CGA members.  
It is ours to create together.”

– Sarah Magruder Lyle, Common Ground Alliance President & CEO

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