

Canadian Common Ground Alliance
International Damage Prevention Symposium
November 16 - 18, 2021
Advance Agenda

Day 1 - November 16 - Underground Mapping in Global Regions

8:30 a.m. PST 10:30 a.m. CST 11:30 a.m. EST 4:30 p.m. BST

Mapping underground infrastructure is critical for utility contractors, engineers, asset owners, local governments and damage prevention professionals to aid in asset operations and maintenance, mitigate risk, improve safety and prevent construction scheduling delays.

Our speakers will present a high-level overview of mapping developments in different global regions, as well as the drivers, rationales, and regional regulations and legislation.

The focus will be on the Canada, the United Kingdom, the USA and Australia/NZ experience to be followed by a panel discussion.

Speakers TBC.

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Day 2 - November 17 - Training and Certification Requirements for Utility Locate Service Providers

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Before any excavation or digging can take place, underground facilities must be located and marked. It is not only the law, but it is vital to protecting critical infrastructures and the safety of workers and the public.

So how are Utility Locate Service Providers trained and deemed competent? To what level? Is training project specific? And what are the minimum requirements for training Utility Locate Service Providers?

This session will explore Utility Locate Service Provider training and certification across the globe.

Speakers TBC.

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Day 2 - November 17 - Panel Presentation - Pros and Cons of Release of Utility Maps vs. Dispatching Locate Service Providers

10:00 a.m. PST 12:00 p.m. CST 2:00 p.m. EST 6:00 p.m. BST

The grass is always greener on the other side!

Join our panel of experts as they debate the pros and cons of releasing utility asset maps vs. dispatching Locate Service Providers to site. What method is better? What are the shortcomings?

Pros and Cons – Dispatch Locate Service Providers to Site

Pros and Cons - Release Utility Asset Maps

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Day 3 - November 18 - Global Success Stories in the Reduction of Utility Damages

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The Canadian Common Ground Alliance would like to shine a spotlight on stakeholders that have achieved a significant reduction in utility damages.

What events propelled them to take assertive action?

What efforts and strategies did they undertake to achieve Damage Prevention results?

Join us to hear the perspectives of Excavator/Contractor, Asset Owner and a Call Centre and their journey to success!

Speakers TBC.