



BC Common Ground Alliance

FACT SHEET

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Why is the BC Common Ground Alliance needed?

British Columbia is a province that continues to grow, with that growth comes increased ground disturbance, and an increased risk of hitting underground infrastructure such as gas/oil pipelines, electrical lines, water mains, sewer lines or crucial communications links.

British Columbia has been more fortunate than many jurisdictions in escaping a major incident causing injury or death as the result of disruption of underground infrastructure; however, key stakeholders are not prepared to wait for such an incident to occur before acting. The BC Common Ground Alliance, by providing for agreement on Best Practices, the exchange of information and improved coordination of activities, provides our best surety against future incidents.

What is BC Common Ground Alliance doing?

BC Common Ground Alliance has coordinated working groups to develop a clear statement of British Columbia Best Practices in the following areas:

- One Call
- Planning and Design
- Infrastructure Identification/Location and Marking
- Excavation
- Mapping
- Compliance
- Public and Worker Education
- Reporting and Evaluation.

How is BC Common Ground Alliance funded?

Financial support for the BC Common Ground Alliance comes from two sources: sponsorship and membership.

How to get involved

- Become a member.
- Become a sponsor.
- Participate on a subcommittee
- Promote the Alliance

For more information:

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CODE OF ETHICS

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Code of Ethics

A requirement of membership in the British Columbia Common Ground Alliance is the obligation to conduct corporate business activity in a manner that will ensure the highest possible standards of public safety, worker safety and damage prevention in connection with underground infrastructure. Members of the British Columbia Common Ground Alliance therefore, are committed to:

- Agree to contribute to the mission and vision of the Alliance.
- Abide by the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Alliance.
- Work in good faith with fellow members and stakeholders in an open and transparent manner.
- Follow and abide by the BCCGA Best Practices.
- Call BC One Call before commencing with any dig or ground disturbance.
- Respond in a timely manner upon receiving a notification from BC One Call (Owners of underground infrastructure).
- Report any contact with underground infrastructure.
- Be a responsible partner in safety and damage prevention.
- Follow all applicable codes, regulations and facility owner and operator standards.



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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How will you benefit?

Discover how you can experience BC Common Ground Alliance Membership...

Be Connected –

- Connect and dialogue with members.
- Share information with underground stakeholders and regulators.
- Network with various industry experts across North America.

Be Involved -

- Participate, volunteer and attend/ present at events.
- Participate in developing damage prevention Best Practices for British Columbia.
- Provide input into regulatory development and enforcement.
- Influence the work being done by CGA committees.

Be Educated –

- Increase your understanding of damage prevention issues.
- Gain exposure to new technologies in research & development.
- Peer educate and learn.
- Attend workshops, sessions and industry specific conferences.

Be Proactive –

- Demonstrate due diligence in the event of an incident.
- Reduce working days lost to accidents or work stoppage.
- Demonstrate your commitment to damage prevention.
- Stay on the forefront of new industry safety and practice.
- Promote safety and practice to the general public.

Be Recognized –

- Recognize those that have made contributions to the Alliance and receive recognition for your own successes.
- Demonstrate leadership in safety and damage prevention.

Be Safe –

- Demonstrate your industry's commitment to safety.
- Lower the risks and the number of incidents associated with underground infrastructure.
- Create consistency and standards across industries.
- Improve worker and community safety.
- Save lives.

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SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

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Why sponsor the BC Common Ground Alliance?

The BC Common Ground Alliance has a history of serving its members across the province of BC through the generous support of corporate and public sector sponsors. Their generosity helps make possible a variety of well-attended events and programs that address the needs of the broader membership.

Sponsors enable us to achieve our mission to lead development of consistent practices and coordination of activities to ensure the highest possible standards of public safety, worker safety and damage prevention in connection with underground infrastructure. The BC Common Ground Alliance is affiliated with the Common Ground Alliance in the United States and with other similar partner groups in Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In short, sponsors' generous support allows us to broaden our mandate and provide greater service to our membership helping to make BC a safer province.

If you or your organization is interested in supporting our work on an annual or event-specific level, please contact the Executive Director by phone at 604 568-2700 or by e-mail at dave@commongroundbc.ca.

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MEMBERSHIP SPONSORSHIP FORM

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My organization wants to experience BC Common Ground Alliance Membership / Sponsorship benefits...

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum	\$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gold	\$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver	\$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bronze	\$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Corporation Size Annual Fee

50 or fewer employees in BC	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>
51-100 employees	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>
101- 250	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>
251-500	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
More than 500	\$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/>
Association	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>

Government

Federal or Provincial department, Ministry or Agency	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Local Government

Population 5,000 or fewer	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>
5,001 – 20,000	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/>
More than 20,000	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

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