

## §IA503.00 General

(c) All construction and excavation activities in Iowa are now covered by a "one-call law". Some of the law's important features are as follows:

- (1) All utilities are required to belong to the one-call system.
- (2) The contractor or person doing excavation is the responsible party for notifying one-call.
- (3) Excavation is defined as any "operation in which a structure or earth, rock, or other material in or on the ground is moved, removed, or compressed, or otherwise displaced by means of any tools, equipment, or explosives and includes, but is not limited to, grading, trenching, tiling, digging, ditching, drilling, auguring, tunneling, scraping, cable or pipe plowing, driving, and demolition of structures."
- (4) Normal farming operations are exempt; however, this does not include chisel plowing, sub-soiling, or ripping more than fifteen inches in depth.
- (5) Any person doing excavation shall contact the one-call center and provide notice of the planned activity. This notice must be given at least forty-eight hours prior to the commencement of the excavation, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.
- (6) The one-call center must be notified for every project.
- (7) The toll free telephone number to the one-call center is 1-800-292-8989.
- (8) Information which must be provided to the one-call center include:
  - The name of the person providing the notice.
  - the precise location of the proposed area of excavation, including the township, range, section, and quarter section, if known.
  - The name and address of the excavator.
  - The excavator's telephone number.
  - The type and extent of the proposed excavation.
  - The date and time when excavation is scheduled to begin.

## §IA503.02 General Considerations

(f) Each field office will maintain a record of all known utility companies having facilities within its district. The record shall show the name, address, and telephone number of the official responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility. The record shall include a map of the company's facilities, if available. A map or maps showing the location of all known facilities in the district shall be maintained and displayed prominently in the field office. This is especially important for high pressure gas lines, major transmission lines, etc.

(g) If a utility is damaged or an individual harmed as a result of an incident involving a utility on a job which SCS has contracted or provided technical assistance, the area conservationist is to be immediately notified. In turn, the area conservationist will notify the state conservationist.

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§IA503.03 Investigations

(a) Several types of routine SCS investigation activities are covered by the one-call law. Some examples of these activities are as follows:

- (1) Foundation investigations performed with the drill rig.
- (2) Investigations performed with the Giddings probe.
- (3) Soil investigations done with a hand probe, auger, or bucket auger.
- (4) Backhoe pits.

(b) Each District should obtain a code number from the one-call center. This can be done by calling the center and requesting the number. It is available for frequent callers to the system. The code number can then be used for all SCS investigation activities in the District. Code numbers are not required; however, they will make the use of the system more efficient.

(c) On project activities, the area or state office staff person scheduling the work will be responsible for notifying the one-call center unless they have made arrangements for the field office to make the contact.

(d) On CO-01 work, the field office will be responsible for making the call to the one-call center. It is important to note that this is not for construction activities; it is only for investigation activities. The contractor is responsible for making the call for all construction activities.

(e) For any other type of SCS activity covered by the one-call law, the SCS person responsible for scheduling the activity will be the person responsible for notifying the one-call center.

§IA503.04 Buried utilities

(c) Use of the postcard Form SCS-ENG-5 is not required.

(d) SCS will include a reminder for contractors to notify one-call on each project. This may be accomplished by a note on the construction drawings, construction specifications, in correspondence, or other material specific to a job.

IA 503.05 Checklist

(a) Use of the utilities checklist, Form SCS-ENG-6, is not required.