

Statement from Utility Safety Partners regarding the Alternate Locate Provider Program and TELUS' Locate Policy

For forty years, Alberta One-Call Corporation, now doing business as Utility Safety Partners, has been the nexus of the damage prevention process in Alberta. Since 1984, we have provided a trusted notification service to identify buried utilities prior to digging and the process has undoubtedly saved countless lives across the province and prevented billions of dollars in economic disruption and environmental damage.

On August 1st, USP will launch the Alternate Locate Provider Program (ALP) – a **new option** to identify and mark the location of buried utilities. The ALP, developed over 2-and-a-half-years, puts the excavator in control of the locating and marking process. To uphold the integrity of service, authorized ALP Service Providers must take required training and undergo audit by a third party against a defined assessment protocol before their services are approved and offered to the digging community.

In April 2024 TELUS launched its new locate policy requiring commercial excavators to supply their own locator for their ground disturbance site. Although similar to the ALP, TELUS' new locate policy is not optional and requires the excavator to pay for locates.

Current legislation does not prevent or preclude telecommunication companies from developing and exercising a locating and marking policy like TELUS'.

This is a challenging situation, but we all want the same thing – a safe, reliable, and reasonable damage prevention process. We believe damage prevention is a shared responsibility. We believe in collaborating with the public, government, and industry experts to protect public, worker and community safety and the integrity of buried and overhead energy and utility assets – and we believe in the optional Alternate Locate Provider Program.

Sincerely,



Mike Sullivan
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Participating buried utility owners of the ALP Program are those most commonly appearing on your locate ticket:

ATCO ELECTRIC LTD. | ATCO GAS | ATCO PIPELINES | CITY OF CALGARY | CITY OF EDMONTON | ENMAX CORPORATION |
EPCOR DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION INC | EPCOR WATER SERVICES INC. | FORTISALBERTA | TELUS COMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY*