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Penalties Imposed for Failure to “Call Before You Dig”

Cheyenne –In the past year, three excavators have been assessed penalties totaling \$10,500 for failure to call 811 to locate underground utility facilities prior to digging.

Underground utility infrastructure in Wyoming is regularly damaged by people who dig without contacting One-Call of Wyoming to have underground facilities located, or who do not use safe excavation techniques when in the vicinity of underground utility facilities.

Damaging underground natural gas, electric, water, and communications facilities is dangerous and expensive. Failure to call 811 to locate underground facilities can result in injury and death in addition to causing serious disruptions, including evacuations, and loss of utility service to homes, shops, schools, and hospitals.

The Wyoming Public Service Commission urges people who intend to excavate for construction, landscaping, or other reasons to call 811 two business days prior to digging. This service is available at no cost to the excavator.

“Wyoming’s utility services are provided by thousands of miles of underground pipes and wires. We all depend on telecommunications, natural gas, electric and water service, and damaging it is extremely dangerous and expensive. Calling 811 and having underground facilities located before you dig is easy to do, free, and it prevents injuries and damage,” said David Piroutek, PSC Facilities Engineering Supervisor.

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