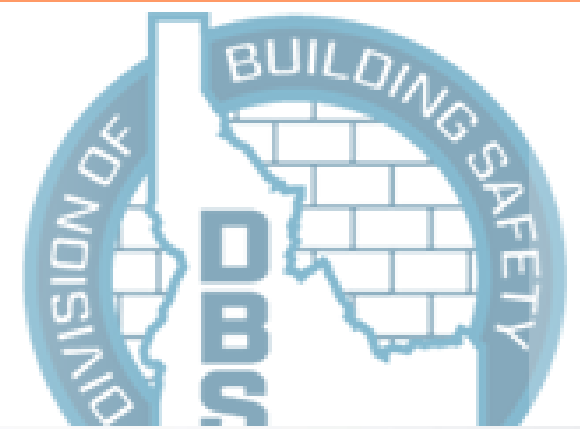


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Damage Prevention Board

The principle purpose of the board is to reduce damages to underground facilities and to promote safe excavation practices through education directed toward excavators, underground facilities, and the public at large

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PHMSA

What is PHMSA?

- The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

What do they do?

- PHMSA develops and enforces regulations for the safe, reliable, and environmentally sound operation of the nation's 2.6 million mile pipeline transportation system and the nearly 1 million daily shipments of hazardous materials

What are some of their roles regarding Pipeline Safety?

- Analyzing pipeline safety and accident data
- Evaluating which safety standards need improvement and where new rulemakings are needed
- Education on how to keep pipelines safe
- Training state and federal pipeline inspectors
- Administering grants to states for pipeline inspections, damage prevention and emergency responses



PHMSA Continued

- PHMSA is a division of the Department of Transportation and reports to the Secretary of Transportation
- Congress has given them the authority to develop and enforce safe excavation practices throughout the entire 50 states
- They have allowed individual states to adopt and enforce their individual safe excavation practices within accepted guidelines
- The Damage Prevention Board is Idaho's response to PHMSA's guidelines

Damage Prevention Board

- Established by the Idaho State Legislature 2016
- Creating stakeholder-driven education and enforcement
- Collecting, storing, analyzing and disseminating data
- Protecting the public health and safety from great personal harm including death, property damage and interruption of vital services

Damage Prevention Board

BOARD MEMBERS	RESPRESENTING
Mark Van Slyke	Underground Pipeline Facility
Vaughn Rasmussen	County Official - IAC
Jeanna Michele Anderson	Excavator
Robert “Bob” Chandler	Irrigation
Jeffrey Diehl	Commercial Contractor
Roy Ellis	Residential Contractor
Victor “Joe” Leckie	Public Utility Commission
Linda Phillips	One Number Notification
Jerry Piper	Rural Underground Facility
Nichole Rush	Underground Facility
Scott Spears	Highway District



Overview

Damage Reporting

Complaint Process



DIRT

Underground facility owners and excavators who observe, suffer or cause damage to an underground facility or observe, suffer or cause excavator downtime related to a failure of one or more stakeholders to comply with applicable damage prevention statues or regulations shall report such information to the board on form or by such method adopted by the board, as stated in Idaho rule 19(2). In this case the method is DIRT



What is DIRT?

DIRT, Damage Information Reporting Tool, is Common Ground Alliance's secure web application that anonymously collects any stakeholder's data about excavation incidents that could have, or did, lead to a damaged underground facility



DIRT Website

The screenshot shows the DIRT website interface. At the top left is the CGA logo (Common Ground Alliance). The navigation menu includes 'DIRT', 'Why DIRT', 'About', 'Search', and 'EN/US'. A left sidebar contains several sections: 'New to DIRT? Register Here!' with links to '101 Introductory page', 'Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)', and 'Begin Registration ...'; 'Existing Users: Sign in Here' with a 'Log into DIRT Application' button; 'DIRT Tools/Resources' with links to 'User Guide', 'Offline Field Form', 'DIRT Security Whitepaper', 'DIRT Confidentiality Policy', 'Release Notes', and 'Data Committee'; 'Virtual Private DIRT (VPD)' with links to 'Get It' and 'More Information'; and 'Annual DIRT Reports' with links to 'Most Recent' and 'Access Annual Reports'. The main content area features a yellow banner for 'FRESH DIRT Changes in 2018' with a link to 'DIRT 2018 Form Changes & Toolkit -- Click here for more info...'. Below this is a light blue box with the text 'Please log in to continue'. There are two columns of boxes: 'Already registered?' with a 'Log into DIRT Application' button, and 'New to DIRT?' with a 'Begin Registration ...' button. At the bottom, a 'Mission' section states: 'Our purpose is to provide an easy-to-use on-line form and related tools for stakeholders to share essential detail about underground damage or near-miss incidents for use in determining root causes, which will be evaluated and used to focus and promote underground damage prevention education and training efforts.'

www.cga-dirt.com, here you can login/register to DIRT. Also, this page provides a lot more information on DIRT and how to use it.

Submitting to DIRT

www.commongroundalliance.com/damage-prevention/toolkits/data-collection-and-reporting-toolkit-dirt, at the bottom of this page you can find helpful information on submitting data and a video of testimonials

Submitting Your Data

- [Access DIRT - www.cga-dirt.com](http://www.cga-dirt.com)
- [DIRT User's Guide](#)
- [DIRT Field Form](#)



Damage Reporting

- It is everyone's responsibility to report damage as soon as they notice it
- If the damage is life threatening, clear the area, call 911
- Non life threatening damage needs to be reported to the utility owner and the one-number notification service (811)



What Happens After You Call?

- The utility owner will send somebody out to check on the damage
- Repairs will be made if needed
- It is up to the underground facility owner if they want to proceed with a complaint to the Division of Building Safety

Who Can File Complaints?

Any individual can file a complaint. The most common are:

- Facility Owners
- Homeowners
- Excavators
- Inspectors



Common Reasons to File a Complaint

Facility Owners

- Failure to adequately pre-mark onsite the path of proposed excavation
- Not providing notice of the excavation
- Digging before all known facilities are located
- Failing to report damage to an underground facility
- Neglecting to maintain the markings of the previously located facilities

Homeowners/Excavators

- Facility owner not locating within prescribed time
- Locating service or facility owner locates are not correct
- One-number notification service did not provide notice of the excavation to the facility owner

Complaint Process

Initial Filing

- Complaints shall be filed with the DBS Administrator not later than 30 days from the violation date. These can be sent to dpbcomplaints@dbs.Idaho.gov

Response

- The DBS Administrator shall notify the alleged violator of the complaint and request a response and any additional information from the alleged violator



Complaint Process

Recommendation

- Within 30 days of receipt of the response, or if no response, within 15 days from the deadline for filing a response, the DBS Administrator shall notify the complainant and the alleged violator of his recommended course of action

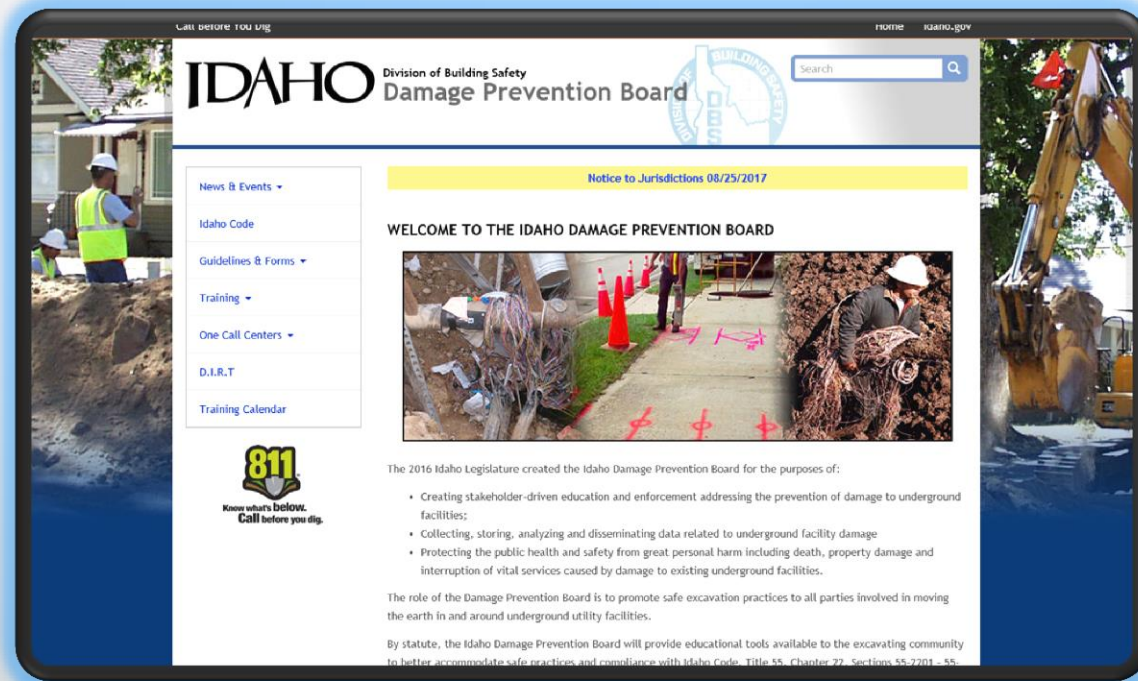
Contest

- The alleged violator shall have the right to contest the imposition of a civil penalty before the Damage Prevention Board within 30 days of receiving the recommended course of action



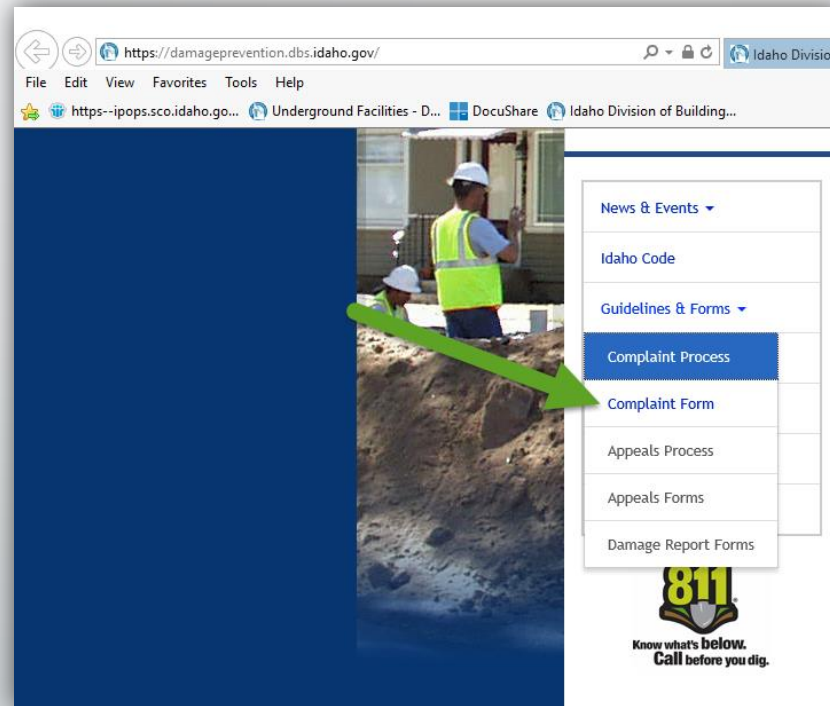
Damage Prevention Website

<https://damageprevention.dbs.Idaho.gov/>



Complaint Form

You can find the complaint form on the Damage Prevention website, under the guidelines & forms tab



Review of DPB Website

News & Events

- Notice to Jurisdictions
- Damage Prevention Board Meetings
- Other Meetings
- Training Calendar

Idaho Code

- Clicking this tab will open up Idaho Statutes and Administrative Rules

Guidelines & Forms

- Complaint Process
- Complaint Form

Training

- Homeowners
- Excavators
- Underground Facilities

D.I.R.T

- This will take you to the Common Ground Alliance D.I.R.T website, where you can register/log-into the application

Training Calendar

- You can see the dates and locations of already scheduled training, unless it is private training





Questions?



Thank You

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