

Subject.: Check for Excavator Certification

Hitting and damaging underground lines can result in death, injury, fines, arrests, property damage and a sizeable repair bill from O&R. Not to mention the inherent danger faced by your municipalities' first responders. That's why it's important to hire trained professional excavators. We encourage you to consider qualifying your highway department and your contractors to become certified as well.



The Dig Safely New York, Inc. Certified Excavator Program in Safe Digging Best Practices has set a new standard for training New York State professional excavators in the proper procedures of excavation.

When a person has successfully completed the Dig Safely New York Certified Excavator Program (CEP) in Safe Digging Best Practices, they are certified by the one-call center for five (5) years*, demonstrating a fundamental understanding of the Safe Digging Best Practices that should be used for safe excavation in accordance with the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices and New York State Code Rule 753.

When you hire a contractor or new employee you can check the [Dig Safely New York Training Verification](#) site to see if they are qualified. Simply type in their individual or company name to get the latest certifications. You'll be glad you did.