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PREVENTING DAMAGE TO PIPELINES

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Pipeline signs and marker posts do not indicate the exact location of a pipeline or right of way. ALWAYS call or click before you dig.

People planning activities near pipelines are required to *Click or Call Before They Dig*. You can find the nearest one-call centre to make a locate request anywhere in Canada at <http://www.clickbeforeyoudig.com>.

The NEB's damage prevention framework is made up of a number of regulatory tools which describe requirements for pipeline companies and people planning activities near pipelines, and provide guidance on how to work safely. The NEB's compliance monitoring and enforcement activities support this framework and are used to promote safety and environmental protection.

The National Energy Board's (NEB) *Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Authorizations*, and *Pipeline Damage Prevention Regulations – Obligations of Pipeline Companies* (otherwise known as, the Damage Prevention Regulations) apply to any NEB-regulated pipeline company and to any

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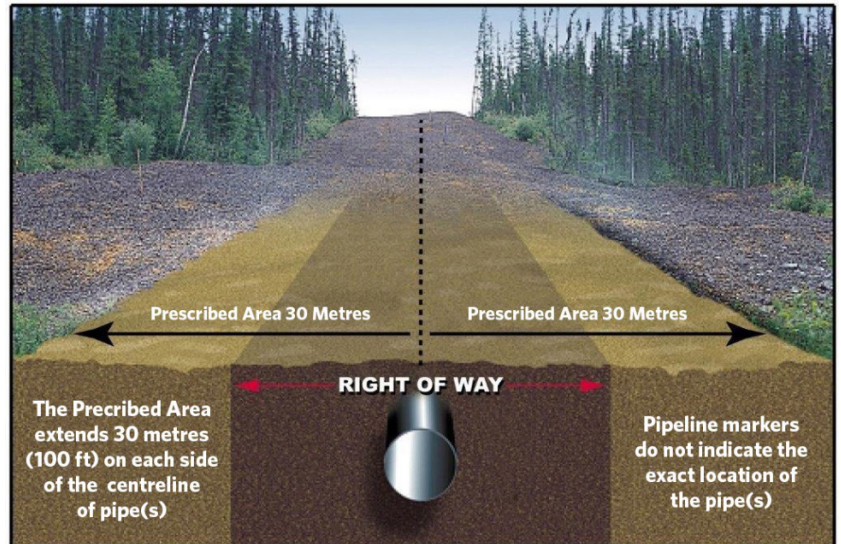
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person planning or undertaking an activity near an NEB-regulated pipeline.

The NEB's Damage Prevention Regulations:

- Require pipeline companies to be members of one-call centres, and for anyone planning to conduct an activity around a pipeline to contact a one-call centre.
- Require pipeline companies to have a damage prevention program within their management systems. The damage prevention program includes requirements for NEB-regulated pipeline companies to: have a public awareness program; monitor land use and land ownership changes near a pipeline; and have standards and processes for managing activity requests and locates.
- Provide the "prescribed area", which is a strip of land measured 30 metres measured perpendicularly on each side from the centreline of a pipe. Anyone planning to conduct ground disturbance activities within the prescribed area must meet the requirements outlined in the regulations or obtain approval from the Board.
- The [regulations and related guidance](#) provide details as to the obligations of those planning construction, ground disturbance activities or crossings in the area of an NEB-regulated pipeline as well as the obligations of pipeline companies.



The NEB is committed to continual improvement of the regulatory framework for pipeline damage prevention. Should you have any questions or feedback, please send them to DPinfo@neb-one.gc.ca.

For more information, please see the NEB's Damage Prevention page at <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/sftnvrnmnt/dmgprvntn/index-eng.htm>. You will find information and guidance there for anyone planning to conduct activity near a pipeline.