

The Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority (MUFDPDA) was established by the Maryland General Assembly in 2010

Senate Bill 911 updated the "Miss Utility Law" which has been in existence since 1978. The Authority is a Maryland State agency with quasi-judicial authority. It's nine member Board of Directors is appointed by the Governor of Maryland and represents a cross-section of the State.

The Authority hears complaints and assesses civil penalties for violations of the Maryland law which protects underground facilities, such as electric, natural gas, telephone, cable television and water and sewer lines.

The Authority oversees the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Education and Outreach Fund. This dedicated fund is derived from fines levied by the Authority for violations of the "Miss Utility Law". The Fund covers the cost of public education and outreach programs; as well as the development of safety procedures to prevent damage to critical infrastructure and potential harm to citizens across the State of Maryland.
(MD Annotated Code - Public Utilities Article § 12-117)



To Report a Violation...
Go to the Authority website at www.mddpa.org and click on the "Notice of Probable Violation" link at the top of the page.

You will be guided through the entire process. The Authority is here to assist you in resolving your issue, complaint or problem involving damage prevention.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**



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Damage Prevention Authority**
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MUFDPDA

**Maryland's 811
Enforcement
Agency**



The Authority Mission...

The Authority seeks to protect underground facilities for owners in the State of Maryland from destruction, damage or dislocation in order to prevent:

Death or injury to individuals;

Damage to private and public property; and

The loss of essential services provided to the general public in Maryland.

To accomplish these goals, the Authority seeks to promote, enhance and assist the State of Maryland in furthering and enforcing the Maryland Underground Facility Damage Prevention law and programs through efforts that include; consistent enforcement, effective public education - with the knowledge that public safety through reduced damages is our primary concern.



Who should call "Miss Utility"?

Utility Contractors

Landscapers and Excavators

Plumbers and
Demolition Specialists

Fence and Deck Builders

Electricians and Sign Installers

Utility Owners and Homeowners

Sprinkler and Outdoor
Lighting Installers

Concrete and Paving
Contractors

Anyone who plans on digging
or disturbing the ground



It's so simple - either go on-line to www.missutility.net or call 811 before you start your project. That way you are assured of knowing what lies below.



Fact - In 2015, 72% of all reported utility damages occurred because someone failed to call "Miss Utility".



Fact - Something as simple as a farmer tilling a new field without calling 811 -- can cause this kind of catastrophe!



Fact - Over 200,000 damages occur to underground facilities by the construction industry in the United States each year.