



## *Media Advisory*

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### **Attention News Directors and Assignment Editors:**

Digging season is now fully underway in Saskatchewan, after an unusually long winter delayed much of this work. As a result of this activity, Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call, on Tuesday of this week, experienced an all-time record in the number of line locate requests for a single day.

Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call received 1,361 locate requests – 169 more than the previous record set in 2012. Unfortunately, not all the people/companies engaging in ground disturbance activities are requesting line locates, as there have been reports of a high number of line hits over the last two weeks where there has been no line locate requested.

Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call is a service for anyone planning to dig or excavate. The service provides a free underground facility screening and notification for excavators. Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call and its member companies are dedicated to the prevention of unnecessary damage, injury or death due to unsafe digging practices. We look forward to serving you for your own safety, and that of our communities. Locate requests can be requested from Sask 1<sup>st</sup> through the website ([www.sask1stcall.com](http://www.sask1stcall.com)), by fax (1-866-455-5559 or 1-306-525-2356), by phone (1-866-828-4888) or #4888 on the SaskTel mobility network.

Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call has been providing a valuable service to both excavators and underground facility owners in Saskatchewan for 10 years now. It continues to expand its member base and provides a very convenient way for excavators to request facility locating.

Please be aware of what is below before doing any excavation work.

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