



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Installing Political Signs? Call “811” First!

As political campaigns are gearing up, the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) Safety Division would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of following the requirements of the Arizona Underground Facilities Law (A.R.S. Title 40 Chapter 2 Article 6.3), commonly known as Blue Stake.

Our land contains a complex underground infrastructure of pipelines, wires and cables and many people don't realize that utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making them easy to strike even during shallow digging projects. Striking an underground utility line while digging can cause harm to you or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and could potentially result in fines and repair costs. More than 256,000 underground utility lines are struck each year in the U.S. Nationwide, 35% of all digging damages result from not calling before digging.

Although utilities are typically buried at specific depths when originally installed, many factors may have impacted their current depths such as road grading and landscape activities over the years. Often times a buried line that may have been originally installed 12 or more inches below ground may now be just below the surface.

In accordance with the law, anyone who will be installing campaign signs—just as with any other type of sign—within the state of Arizona is required to notify the Arizona Blue Stake one-call center by calling “811” at least two full working days prior to conducting activities including driving stakes into the ground to display political signs.

It would be tragic to have someone injured or possibly killed because the Arizona Blue Stake law was not followed. Please, before conducting any excavations, plan ahead and call the Arizona Blue Stake Center by simply dialing “811” from any phone. It's easy, it will help you stay safe and it's **FREE**.

For more information concerning the Arizona Underground Facilities Law (Blue Stake) please visit the Arizona Corporation Commission web site at www.azcc.gov select Divisions then Safety then Pipeline Safety or visit the Arizona Blue Stake web site at www.azbluestake.com for more detailed information.

IT'S THE LAW, MAKE THE CALL



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