

VLR SAFETY TAILGATE TALK

May 2017

Subject: 811 "Call Before You Dig"

Date: _____

Location (garage, mm, etc...):

Instructions:

Safety Coordinators & Supervisors should use this Tailgate Talk as a guide for discussion during their safety meetings. The primary purpose of the safety meetings is to give crews the opportunity to discuss any safety related concerns they may have.

Once the meeting has concluded, the Presenter should have each employee sign this form and include their Employee ID# in the spaces below.

TGT Presenter: _____

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Knowing where underground lines are buried before each digging project helps protect you from injury and penalty.

What is 811?

- The new National FCC-designated number to mark utility lines
- 811 eliminates confusion of multiple "call before you dig" numbers
- One call to 811 gets all underground utility lines marked for FREE
- When you call 811 from anywhere in the USA, your call will be automatically routed to your local "One Call Center"

Why call 811?

- Digging without calling can lead to serious injury and penalties
- The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple lines
- Damage to utility lines can disrupt service to entire neighborhoods
- Contact with an underground utility can cause serious injury or death to all involved
- It is the SAFEST way to protect you from making contact with any underground utility
- There are nearly 700,000 unintentional underground utility damages per year

When to call 811?

- ALWAYS call before any digging takes place
- Call **811** before each job
- Visit <http://www.digsafe.com> for more information

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Safety Tailgate Talk or any safety related concerns, please contact the VTrans Safety Team.