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Your Damage Prevention & Safety Resources

Arizona 811 recognizes current circumstances requiring a different approach to ensure the continued safety of the community and the underground facilities we all rely on every day. These self-paced, interactive training courses are available 24/7 making it easy to complete them during a time which works best with your schedule.

Click on the image below to get started!



"Caution! Facilities Below" is an interactive web-based training developed in partnership with the Arizona Corporation Commission, which teaches about the underground facilities protection law, safe digging practices, and the 811 ticket process.

Click on the image below to get started!



EXACTIX is a convenient and easy to use tool, developed for users with the need to create 811 tickets to request utility locate marks for multiple addresses and easily track electronically posted responses.

For questions, Contact:

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Damage Prevention & Safety Education has gone VIRTUAL!!!

In mid-March 2020, Arizona 811 cancelled all in-person Damage Prevention & Safety Seminars, and postponed all committee meetings. In addition, we transitioned the majority of Arizona 811's workforce, including locate specialists, to work from their homes. No one anticipated 10 months later we would still be facing the effects of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic. Life has changed and, with it, so has the way we interact in business. Social distancing and video conferencing have become the norm and adapting education to include this virtual option has become crucial. With construction projects continuing to happen, utility, municipal & construction work have continued to be an essential part of our economy. In addition, last year an estimated 30 million homeowners across the country planned to complete home improvement projects involving digging. The need

for Education & Awareness has reached all-time highs. In an effort to provide crucial education during a pandemic era, the Arizona 811 Damage Prevention & Safety Seminars & Presentations have transitioned to a simple to use Microsoft Teams VIRTUAL platform in combination with Turning Point Technology, an interactive polling/testing application. Check the Arizona811.com website for the most recent seminar schedule. Seats fill up quickly, so be sure to register for a session TODAY! We also provide Virtual Arizona 811 Presentations upon request. Email: education.awareness@arizona811.com for more information about all of our education programs..



SPOTLIGHT

GLOBAL EXCAVATION SAFETY CONFERENCE

Established 2004, the Global Excavation Safety Conference is the premiere International event for the damage prevention industry. This event features education to help all stakeholder groups, and opportunities to network with industry peers, learn safe practices, and lower costs associated with underground damages.



Global Excavation Safety Conference VIRTUAL, April 6-8, 2021

Global ESC VIRTUAL includes education from their LIVE event, but also offers its own diverse selection of education, access to the important product and service providers you need to connect with, and unique networking opportunities not found anywhere else. Networking is taken to a whole new level with three scheduled networking times each day. Our sponsors host showrooms which offer a robust schedule of fun and interactive activities you can participate in and learn from.

Damage Prevention Week, March 22 – 28,

brings leaders from around the industry together to share education and training designed to improve damage prevention efforts, facilitate open discussions, and improve safety in the excavation community.





Arizona 811 official sponsors of *Phoenix Raceway 200 Lap Race event.*

We are incredibly proud and excited to announce that Arizona 811 is partnering with Phoenix Raceway as an official sponsor for the 200 Lap

Xfinity Race Event in March 2021. Arizona 811 has been a sponsor of the "Know before you go"

Quicklinks page on phoenixraceway.com since November 2019, offering racegoers important information about race events prior to attending. With this new opportunity to be the named sponsor a major race event, Arizona 811 will be able to



expand awareness on a statewide, and possibly even nationwide, level of the importance of using the 811system to prevent

damage to underground facilities by contacting Arizona 811 prior to any dig project among residents,

homeowners, contractors and anyone who is planning to excavate. Tune ins to the "Call 811 Before You Dig 200" Xfinity Race on FS1 Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 3:30PM!



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DIG THIS GIVEAWAY ALERT!

Follow Arizona 811 on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn about news, events, 811 ticket creation tips, and **special giveaways**. Help Arizona 811 raise awareness about how using the 811 process can protect workers' safety and the underground facilities from damage. As a thank you to our Damage Prevention & Safety partners for using and promoting safe digging practices, we will provide many opportunities to win prizes. Go to all of our social media sites for more information about upcoming giveaways!



Safe Ideas & Resources for your Winter Projects

DIY projects while social distancing at home

As people spend more time at home, they are more likely to take on DIY projects such as landscaping, or other home improvement tasks that require digging. The weather and the season is prime-time for these projects with family or even a couple friends.

Click to read more diys.com/make-your-home-cozy-for-winter/ (sourced from diys.com).

Remember to submit a locate request by dialing 811 or clicking arizona811.com before any dig project, large or small.

REMINDERS



IS DEPTH GUARANTEED?

Depth of underground facilities is NEVER guaranteed. Although facilities were once installed at their required depth, many things can change over time. Earth could have been added or removed changing their depth.

ARE MY MARKS STILL VALID?

Arizona Law states marks are valid for 15 days and marks must remain visible for the duration of your excavation period. If your marks are destroyed during your project or are close to expiring, be sure to contact Arizona 811 to request your marks be refreshed.





Challenge Coin Recognition Program

Arizona 811 introduced the Challenge Coin Recognition Program in March of 2020. This special program gives special recognition to individuals who consistently go above and beyond to ensure the safety of those around them and to protect underground facilities before, during and after any excavation project. Individuals who are nominated to receive this recognition, form part of an elite group that will receive a special Challenge Coin, which they are challenged to carry with them at all times, reminding them and everyone around them of the pledge they have taken to consistently practice C.A.R.E during any project involving digging. We challenge others to take this pledge and always work safely and prudently while digging. If you know someone that deserves to be recognized for excellence, be sure to contact alejandra.o@arizona811.com for a nomination form.



CHALLENGE COIN CHAMPIONS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Arvid Veidmark

Was nominated to receive the Challenge Coin Recognition for his continued efforts of going above and beyond when it comes to pipeline safety and ensuring everyone on his job site is always safe. Arvid does an exceptional job in contacting and using the Arizona 811 system and stays in constant communication with Kinder Morgan when working around their high pressure pipelines.

Daniel Ross

Was nominated to receive the Challenge Coin Recognition for his dedication, bravery and selflessness. Daniel not only practices safety in his daily job but he also displays kindness to everyone around him daily, and always goes above and beyond to be of service. One morning Daniel witnessed a young man attempting to protect his dog from a larger one attacking them. Without hesitation Daniel jumped out of his vehicle and used the training he'd received on how to deal with aggressive animals and helped this young man and his dog by scaring away the aggressive dog. When asked about the incident Daniel stated: "Anybody would have done that, if they'd seen someone in need like that," he said. "You're going to be careful about doing it, and you're going to be smart about doing it, but I can't imagine that anyone would walk away from helping another person in need of help."



Gabriel Saenz

Was nominated for the Challenge Coin Recognition for actions during the UPRR train derailment in Tempe, AZ. Gabriel went above and beyond to ensure the safety of the City of Tempe and the utilities in the area. Gabriel called Kinder Morgan to discuss if there were any pipelines in the area before the bridge demolition took place.