

Think twice before you dig



Land Information
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Survey marks as well as power cables, water pipes and other underground infrastructure, are often below ground level and invisible.

Their value is in their location, and it can cost thousands to repair or replace a mark if they're damaged or lost. This adds to the cost of construction and development, and undermines the work needed for reinstating property boundaries.

Disturbing survey marks is an offence

Disturbing a survey mark is also against the law, and anyone who does so can be fined.

Check www.beforeudig.co.nz when planning work in the ground

Beforeudig.co.nz is a one-stop shop for making sure it's safe before doing anything that might disrupt infrastructure in the ground.

It includes information on survey marks, power cables, water pipes and other underground infrastructure. It removes the need to contact the owners of this infrastructure individually, and gives advice on next steps if work is likely to cause damage.

We'll work with you to find a solution

If notified of work that is likely to disrupt a mark, Land Information New Zealand will provide information on marks that require protection.

In some cases it may be possible to re-design your work site to avoid at-risk marks. If that's not an option, you'll need to contact a licenced surveyor to carry out the required protection work.

Whatever the solution it's easier – and less costly – if we know first.



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