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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**CPUC SAYS KNOW WHAT'S BELOW;  
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 11, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today marked August 11 (8/11) as a good reminder of the importance of the 811 phone number and the "Call Before You Dig" message.

The federally created national Call Before You Dig number, 811, was created to help protect people from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs, and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life-threatening.

Every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.

By calling 811 at least two business days (not including weekends or holidays) before excavating, excavators can have underground utilities located and marked, or receive confirmation if no facilities are in the excavation area. This free service helps prevent injuries, deaths, damages, and inconvenience.

For more information on 811, please visit [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).

For more information on the CPUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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