

The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance is bringing together industry experts in March for a series of free Dig Safe Workshops.

The half-hour long sessions will take place from 8 a.m. to noon, March 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25. The sessions allow attendees to bounce in and out, to stay for as long as needed, and, attend on different days, to meet individual schedule and needs.

Presenters and session topics are as follows:

- Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTS) Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development – Excavation Safety and Regulatory Compliance
- > Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) What Happens When There is a Conflict?
- > Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Excess Soil Regulation
- > Electrical Safety Association (ESA) Powerline Safety STOP LOOK LIVE
- > Ontario One Call (OOC) Digging Safe with Ontario One Call
- > Centre for Advancement of Trenchless Technologies (CATT) A Greener Future with Trenchless Technologies
- > The Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) What is the Health and Safety Excellence Program?
- Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA) Update on the new Safe Excavation Training Program, The Damage Prevention Technician Program, The DIRT Report and excavation damage statistics, and an events recap







The sessions are applicable to those serving the electric, engineering, excavator and contractor, oil and gas, GIS, locator, one call, public works, regulatory, telecommunications, trenchless, water and sewer industries.

These sessions target facility owners and operators, facility maintenance companies, excavators and contractors, utility locate administrators, One Call Center members, engineers, claims, public works departments, risk management operations, and others who protect the underground infrastructure and impact damage prevention.

Virtual Workshop Schedule

	Registration Link	8:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Tue, Mar 9	Click Here to Register	ORCGA	ESA	MoL	000	IHSA	TSSA	CATT	MECP
Thu, Mar 11	Click Here to Register	MoL	MECP	ESA	CATT	OOC	IHSA	ORCGA	TSSA
Tue, Mar 16	Click Here to Register	CATT	MoL	TSSA	ESA	MECP	00C	IHSA	ORCGA
Thu, Mar 18	Click Here to Register	MECP	CATT	MoL	ORCGA	ESA	TSSA	00C	IHSA
Tue, Mar 23	Click Here to Register	IHSA	CATT	ORCGA	MoL	TSSA	ESA	MECP	OOC
Thu, Mar 25	Click Here to Register	MoL	IHSA	000	TSSA	ORCGA	MECP	ESA	CATT





Virtual Workshop Descriptions

Organization	Presentation Title	Description	Speaker	
Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development.	Excavation Safety and Regulatory Compliance	A presentation of enforcement trends in the construction industry of Ontario with specific focus on excavation activities including upcoming initiatives being implemented by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development.	Matthew Neundorf Provincial Specialist Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills	
TSSA	What Happens When There is a Conflict?	What do you do when your utility locate says one thing, but what you find in the ground is very different? This session will describe how to tell the difference between a live gas service and an abandoned line and what to do.	Sat Virdi John Todorovski Mike Eeles Kul Shan TSSA	
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	Excess Soil Regulation	The ministry will provide an overview presentation of O. Reg. 406/19 (On-site and Excess Soil Regulation). Aspects related to infrastructure projects and liquid soil management will be discussed, among other key elements.	Sanjay Coelho MECP	
ORCGA	ORCGA Updates	The ORCGA is excited to update attendees on: The launch of Safe Excavation Training Program The Damage Prevention Technician Program The DIRT Report and excavation damage statistics An Association events recap	Doug Lapp, President and CEO, ORCGA	
IHSA	What is the Health and Safety Excellence Program?	The program connects you with WSIB-approved providers that will help you develop a health a safety program suitable for your workplace. Benefits to Your Company: • Earn rebates and lower your premiums. • Improve your health and safety experience. • Gain access to a team of leading health and safety experts. • Receive exclusive access to IHSA member resources.	Paul Casey VP, Programs and Strategic Development, IHSA	
Ontario One Call	Digging Safe with Ontario One Call	Connect with Ontario One Call as we lead you through some basics on how to apply for and review a locate request, as well as how to find resources to help you navigate some locate challenges you may face. This presentation is aimed at people who apply for locates and some lucky participants may win a free scholarship to Ontario One Call's Professional Locate Administrator Course. Bring your new staff or existing staff who apply for locates.	Jeff Hitchcock Crystal Bedore Ontario One Call	
Electrical Safety Authority	Powerline Safety - STOP LOOK LIVE	Workplace safety goes far beyond protective clothing and safety boots. Landscapers, demolition and construction crews and other trades anyone working outside on residential and commercial projects are at risk of a powerline contact. Find out more with the ESA!	Patrick Falzon, Powerline Safety/ Code Specialist, ESA	
Centre for Advancement of Trenchless Technologies (CATT)	A Greener Future with Trenchless Technologies	This session will discuss how using Trenchless Technologies can reduce your carbon footprint. This technique has been proven in British Columbia where municipalities have issued carbon credits to meet stringent net zero emissions plans.	Mark Knight P. Eng., Associate Professor, Director of Centre for Advancement of Trenchless Technologies	

