

Article Guidelines and Deadlines

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Overview

The **Excavation Safety Guide & Directory** is an annual publication which is designed to help the excavator navigate through the excavation process from pre-planning to job completion. **Articles must be original, and not run in other publications.** Articles are written by subject matter experts who are respected for their in-depth knowledge.

Audience

The Excavation Safety Guide was established in 2005 to help professional excavators obtain the information they need to educate themselves on digging safely. Since that time, the Guide has evolved into a valued resource used to keep abreast of industry laws and regulations as well as increase knowledge of safe excavation practices.

Nationally recognized as the industry's most comprehensive publication, the Guide contain key reference sections which contractors refer to all year long, as well as articles designed to help them dig safely.

Print & Electronic

Print and electronic editions of the Excavation Safety Guide & Directory are distributed to over one million excavators and facility owners across the United States and Canada each year.

Image Usage Agreement

The included *Image Usage Agreement* must be completed for ALL submitted photos and graphics with restricted use requirements. Images NOT accompanied by this agreement will be assumed to be provided to Infrastructure Resources for unlimited ongoing use including potential inclusion in the Damage Prevention Professional Photo library and future publications.

Article Guidelines

- *Absolutely no sales content is allowed.* References to specific companies are not allowed unless 1) multiple companies are referred to within the article or 2) it is a proprietary service only available through a specific company and a requisite element of the article's focus.
- Excavation Safety Guide does not compensate authors monetarily or through trade.
- All articles are subject to advisory board review and may be edited for content and/or length.
- Article length will vary depending on topic, and will be assigned by the magazine editor. Generally, requested length is 1,000-1,200 words with 3-5 images.
- The target audience is the excavator, however, other stakeholder perspectives are considered valuable.
- Articles should be developed utilizing a "how-to" methodology with the goal of sharing knowledge and providing tools the excavator can implement to improve safety and damage prevention practices.
- Focus on positive outcomes. The underlying theme of the magazine is the same principle that guides the Common Ground Alliance, "damage prevention is a shared responsibility."
- Whenever possible articles should be designed to contain specific takeaway ideas that readers can put to work. These ideas can be highlighted throughout or summarized at the end of the article.
- When appropriate, use bullet points, sub-headings, numbers, or steps.
- Readers relate better to examples over theory. Cite examples or case studies often.
- Technology introduction articles are designed to give people a quick understanding of how the technology can help them, as well as an overview of how it works.
- Articles are selected for publication based on suitability to the publication and space allocation, at the editor's discretion.
- The author of the article warrants that the work submitted meets the appropriate criteria and does not infringe upon any copyright or intellectual property laws.

Photos and Graphics

- Photos and other graphics help readers understand the article's message and will draw them to the article.
- Acceptable images include (but are not limited to): action shots, products in use, company logos, charts, graphs.
 - Graphics (such as tables in Excel) should be converted to a .pdf, .jpg or .tif file.
 - If you are not sure how to do this, or are unable, we will gladly assist you.
- Unacceptable images include (but are not limited to): Product marketing shots, images that disparage another company/product, images not owned by the author, web images.
- Photos and graphic images must be submitted in the following formats/sizes:
 - Adobe Illustrator eps or ai files, any size
 - Photoshop, jpeg or eps file, minimum of 300 dpi, as large as possible
- Submit images as separate files. Do NOT embed images in the document.
- **You are welcome and encouraged to send an assortment of photographs and graphics.**

Things to Avoid

- No sales-related content allowed!
- Avoid using highly technical concepts or ideas as they may not have broad appeal to the reader.
- Avoid industry acronyms and jargon which non-experts will not understand. If an industry term is required, include a footnote explanation.

Submitted articles should include:

- Author's name and title as it should appear in print
- Affiliations with industry associations for the byline.
- Short Bio (2-3 sentences) on Author's industry background for the byline.
- Authors email and phone number if it is authorized for publication.
- Article copy as a .doc, .txt or .pdf file. No formatting is required.
- Associated photos or graphics as separate files according to standards stated above.
- Image Usage Agreement completed for each image provided.

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