The 5Ps of Safe Excavation



Plan

Plan your job. Use the BYDA service at least one day before your job is due to begin, and ensure you have the correct plans and information required to carry out a safe project.



Prepare

Prepare by communicating with asset owners if you need assistance. Look for clues onsite. Engage a Certified Locator.



Pothole

Potholing is physically sighting the asset by hand digging or hydro vacuum extraction.



Protect

Protecting and supporting the exposed infrastructure is the responsibility of the excavator. Always erect safety barriers in areas of risk and enforce exclusion zones.



Proceed

Only proceed with your excavation work after planning, preparing, potholing (unless prohibited), and having protective measures in place.

