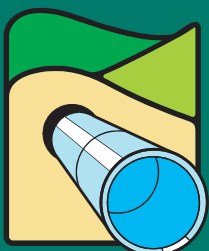


# LINEWATCH



## landowner brief

guidance for safe working near  
high pressure pipelines



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**Awareness and preparation is the key to safe excavation**

# Each year there are a number of cases where **damage to pipelines**

is either sustained or narrowly avoided by works carried out by landowners. This is usually because people do not realise exactly where the pipeline is or they do not think the work is important enough to contact the pipeline operator. Whatever the reason, this can be very dangerous. Damaging a pipeline could not only be costly but can also cause serious injury

Whereas in most cases normal agricultural practice is not likely to be a problem, to ensure that proposed works will not cause damage to the pipeline or ancilliary equipment, we would urge you to contact the pipeline owner who will then ensure that your works will not cause any danger to the pipeline or, more importantly, to you or your contractors.

The type of works which we would like to be informed of include, (but are not limited to), ditch cleaning, fencing, drainage works, mole ploughing, subsoiling and installation of services. In fact any form of excavation within 50m of the pipeline. Many of the works will be of no consequence but a phone call is all it takes to make sure that works are not going to endanger yourself or the pipeline.

The pipeline operator will visit you to discuss your proposed works and, if necessary, will determine the depth of the pipeline to ensure that there will be no danger to the pipeline. A representative will also be present when works are taking place near the pipeline to ensure that the works are carried out in a manner that will not damage it.

## **Don't take a risk**

– the pipeline operators do not charge for their assistance.

Please contact the pipeline operator if you are unsure about where the pipeline runs across your property or you feel that it is not clearly marked.



If you do not know who to contact  
visit the Linewatch website on  
**[www.linewatch.co.uk](http://www.linewatch.co.uk)**  
and we will arrange for the correct  
operator to contact you