

# Safety Review



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## Excavation and/or Changing Grade

Planned: **Near Pole or Anchors**

Ref: DOSH 27.30 Excavation Operations [Link](#)

L & I: Chapter 296-155 WAC, Part N, Excavation, Trenching and Shoring [Link](#)

Chapter 296-155 WAC, Safety Standards for Construction Work [Link](#)

DOSH Directive 1.18, Employers Exposed to Hazards



## Overview

- Snohomish County PUD values the safety of our community and customers, which also includes those working and doing business around the electrical infrastructure.
- Due to the risk of destabilization causing collapse, there are limitations for digging, excavating and/or changing grade around power poles and anchors.
- Excavation within 15' of PUD facilities more than depths listed below must be reviewed prior to digging
- Please contact PUD Customer Engineering at 425-783-8272 (M-F, 8a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to schedule a review of your project and discuss allowable excavation depth.

## Discussion Points

- Must give at least 7 days' notice prior to digging
- Safety Watch, Pole Holds, Pole Supports
- Dial 811 for locates prior to digging
- If there is any PUD emergency on site, please contact 425-783-1001 to report. 24/7

Distance from PUD Facility	Allowable Depth
Within 5'	Down 1'
Between 5' and 15'	Down 2'

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