



Landowner Guidance

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Our networks of underground pipelines carry products such as oil, gas and chemical at extremely high pressure. If disturbed or ruptured, releasing the product inside could result in massive, irreversible damage to the environment and explosion, causing injury or even fatality to those on-site.

When planning or undertaking works within 50 metres of these pipelines or in the same parcel of land you must contact the operator by phone (if known) or by using the free to use enquiry service, Linesearch Before you dig www.LSBUD.co.uk. Never assume the route of the pipeline or rely on field boundary markers for the exact location.

Most normal agricultural activities associated with working the land can be carried out without notification, however, some activities may require on-site supervision, so it is important to always discuss your plans with the operator.



Operator contact details can be found on marker posts.

Marker posts highlight the presence of a pipeline and can be found on most field boundaries and road crossing points. These posts can vary in design but will usually outline the operator's name and contact details.

Overleaf are some activities that require pre-notification...



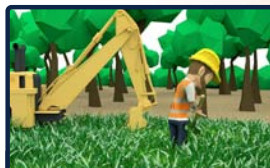
Fencing

All fencing (New and replacement) must be discussed with the pipeline operator to prevent damage to the pipeline or its protective wrapping.



Ditching

Our pipelines can run across and through ditches and do not always have significant cover or protection.



Excavation

Single excavation points, trenching for pipework or cables or breaking ground for any reason both mechanically and when using hand tools.



Subsoiling

Contact the operator so that the depth of the pipeline can be checked prior to subsoiling.



Building Work

All construction work near the pipeline will need discussing. This includes property extensions and any new structures. (e.g. sheds, barns).



Mole Ploughing

Mole ploughing for the installation of pipes and cables or for improving drainage in compacted ground.



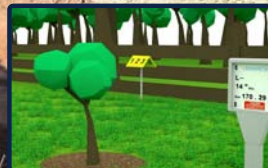
Drainage

Drainage activities, including the installation of new drains or repairs to existing systems and outlets.



Trackway Construction

The installation of any new road or trackway either temporary or permanent. Improvements to existing road and trackways, must also be notified.



Planting of trees and shrubs

Certain types of trees and shrubs should not be planted in the pipeline easement without prior discussion with the pipeline operator. Removal of any trees and shrubs should also be discussed.



Storage of materials

No topsoil or other materials shall be stored within the easement without the approval and written permission of the pipeline operator.

What to do in a pipeline emergency

Signs of a possible pipeline leak may include: pools of fuel, dirt or dust blowing into the air, hissing sounds, gas or petroleum odours, bubbles in standing water, dead or discoloured vegetation and ice on the ground.

If you notice any of these in the vicinity of a pipeline or if a pipeline is damaged, treat it as an emergency.

Shut down any working machinery and remove all personnel from the area.

**Dial 999 and alert the emergency services.
If known, contact the pipeline operator.**

(There will be a pipeline marker nearby with emergency contact information)

For more information on pipeline safety and the Linewatch members visit the website [linewatch.org.uk](https://www.linewatch.org.uk)

Operator Information

