

What to do in an emergency

If, as a result of the activities you uncover ground or come into contact with a pipeline, then:

1. Shut down all working machinery
2. Remove all sources of ignition
3. Remove everyone from the immediate area of the pipeline and move to a safer area
4. If the pipeline is leaking dial 999 inform police and emergency services
5. Do not attempt to seal a leaking pipeline
6. If the leak is burning, do not attempt to extinguish the fire
7. Contact the pipeline operator's emergency telephone number. This can be obtained either from on a nearby pipeline marker post, on all communications you will have had from the pipeline operator or on the documentation provided by the pipeline operator prior to you commencing work
8. Follow the advice provided by the pipeline operator and then let them make the situation safe.

For more information please contact:

Further Assistance and Pipeline Operators

The UKOPA website contains the company information details for all UKOPA members, visit ukopa.co.uk/emergency/

The UKOPA presentation about working safely near high pressure pipelines can be found at ukopa.co.uk/safe-working/ please do take a look at this and share with any staff and contractors working for you.

Pipeline operators are here to help, so please do contact them prior to any work taking place or if you have any queries.



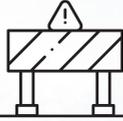
Working Safely Near High Pressure Pipelines

This guide is to provide advice to anyone in agriculture working near buried High Pressure pipelines. It explains how to reduce risks, as contact from machinery can cause immediate or long-term damage.



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Hazards



This guide is to provide advice to farmers, agricultural workers and other contractors and anyone else who may work within 50m of high pressure pipelines (specifically buried pipelines) and outlines what you should do to ensure workers stay safe when carrying out work near them what you can do to reduce the risks when working near them. Working near high pressure pipelines is dangerous. **If machinery makes contact with the pipeline, damage can occur that could result in immediate failure or failure over a longer period of time. Such as, an explosion resulting in the death of people nearby or extensive environmental damage.**

It's common for farmers, landowners or other agricultural workers to instruct contractors to complete works. It is however the responsibility of contractors and all those working on site, to ensure that any proposed works are planned and carried out correctly and precautions made to protect high pressure pipelines where appropriate.

Notifiable activities



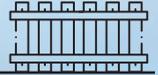
Prior to working in the vicinity of High Pressure Pipelines, other than routine agricultural activities such as ploughing, you must contact the pipeline operator who will provide any guidance and advice required. The following are notifiable activities. →

Ditching & drainage



- Ditch clearing
- Dredging, widening or creation of waterways/ ponds, etc.
- Drainage investigatory work/repairs
- Use of powered machinery to clear materials.

Fencing



The installation of new or replacement fences / fence posts or gateposts or any other fencing activities within 50m of the pipeline.

Construction work



- Temporary or permanent tracks/roads
- Installation of water pipes, drains or sewers
- Property extensions (including permitted development)
- Change of use of existing building.

Cover & materials storage



- Materials must not be stacked or stored in the vicinity of the pipeline or within pipeline easements.



Planting of trees & shrubs



The planting of trees or shrubs within the pipeline easement.

Tree Felling / Forestry work



Any tree felling or forestry activities within 50m of the pipeline.

Fires



Should not be built or ignited within the pipeline easement.

Mole ploughing or other sub-soil activities



Should not take place without prior discussion with the pipeline operator.

Excavations



All excavations are notifiable activities. Including pits for carcass burials.

Wind turbines & solar farms



Contact pipeline operator at earliest possibility (Good practice guides are available for both).

All other works



For all other work, including piling & boring, please contact the pipeline operator for any other agricultural work not covered in this document, they will be more than happy to discuss any potential issues.

Information & training



Contractors and temporary staff may be at an increased level of risk when they work on your land, so make sure they know where the pipelines are and discuss and agree with them the precautions they need to take before they start work. More detailed instructions may be needed for those workers whose first language is not English. The location of pipelines is normally indicated by marker posts at the edges of fields. Remember though that marker posts can be accidentally moved or damaged. By contacting the pipeline operator in advance, an operator representative can visit your land to locate and mark out the pipeline and advise what works can and cannot be done safely. The location of a pipeline is normally a **FREE** service.

Contact the pipeline operator for any other work not covered in this document, they will be more than happy to discuss any potential issues. Further advice on safe working can be found at: ukopa.co.uk/safe-working/

