

Know what's below
when ditching & fencing



Think safety first when working near pipelines



Every year thousands of ditches & fences across the UK are installed or maintained close to high pressure pipelines. However, we're here to provide information and resource to those working near to BPA's buried pipelines.

Before undertaking any of the following works within 3m of our pipeline, be sure to get in contact with us first:

- **Installation of new ditches/drainage channels**
- **Clearing, dredging or widening of ditches**
- **Installation of new or replacement fences, posts or gates.**

Damage to the pipeline, or even its protective coating, can be costly, lead to significant environmental damage and could even be fatal.

With the right information and advice, we can help keep you safe and reduce the risk of a serious incident or accident.

To achieve the safest and best outcomes for all, we ask:

- **Please give a minimum of 7 days notice before works begin**
- **Never assume you can go ahead unless consent is given**
- **Be aware pipeline depths vary and are not always protected with slabs under ditches**
- **Seek advice as pipelines do not always run in straight lines between marker posts or across fields**
- **Be aware that other infrastructure, such as cables, can be buried shallower than the pipeline.**

If in doubt, freephone BPA on 0800 585 387

Health & Safety regulations are your responsibility



Remember - It's the landowner's responsibility to ensure contractors also comply with regulations. Working near pipelines without taking the correct precautions can have serious consequences.

BPA's Land Team is available to offer free advice over the phone or visit the site to help provide support.

For more information on what to do, and what not to do near to pipelines, visit www.knowwhatsbelow.co.uk. Please remember:



Contact us in advance of works



Ensure contractors are aware of the pipeline



Depth of pipelines may vary



All works should be agreed with BPA



BPA takes safety very seriously. In recognition of this, BPA has repeatedly won the prestigious Order of Distinction in the internationally-renowned RoSPA Health and Safety Awards.

It is a criminal offence to damage a pipeline...

The Pipeline Safety Regulations make it a criminal offence to damage a pipeline where people could be put at risk of harm. Those breaking regulations could face:

- **Fines and even imprisonment from the HSE for breaches in H&S law**
- **Prosecution for those found at fault by the pipeline operator**
- **A criminal record**

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