

## IHSA's Safe Practice Guide- Excavating with Vacuum Technology in the Vicinity of Electrical Utilities

Recently the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) in partnership with IHSA's Labour-Management Network published the IHSA Safe practice guide "Excavating with Vacuum Technology in the Vicinity of Electrical Utilities". The Electrical Safety Authority was also included in the development of the guideline.

The Safe practice guide is in response to an Ontario Coroner's inquest verdict and recommendations in respect to two incidents which both resulted in fatalities.

Excavating with vacuum technology requires the use of specialized techniques, work practices, and equipment to ensure worker safety. The risks of the work are even greater when it is performed near electrical utilities. IHSA's safe practice guide provides information related to hazard recognition, assessment, and control to help create a safe work zone for workers in the vicinity of energized electrical apparatus.

<https://www.ihsa.ca/IHSA/Products/Items/Excavating-with-Hydrovacs-in-the-Vicinity-of-Under.aspx>

