

Utility Strike Avoidance Group Charter



Avoiding Injury
Avoiding Damage
And
Fit for the Future



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How the Charter Came About



Utility
Owners



Industry
Bodies



Contractors



The Charter

Utility Strike Avoidance Group Charter

We will:

1. Ensure that all work carried out by us or on our behalf is properly planned and that those responsible are aware of their responsibilities and how to carry them out.
2. Ensure that all people working on our behalf are assessed to ensure they are competent and capable of carrying out the task given to them and that at least one person in each work team is competent in the use of cable detection equipment to its full potential.
3. Ensure that excavations, including those undertaken by anyone excavating on our behalf, are carried out in accordance with safe systems of work, company or USAG procedures.
4. Ensure that the equipment provided for the detection and avoidance of services is inspected, calibrated and tested in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements and that records are kept, including a daily check to ensure that the equipment continues to operate as expected.
5. Ensure that all those working, including those on our behalf use the correct protective equipment and are trained in its use.
6. Ensure that relevant latest utility asset drawings are available to people excavating, that our work is inspected and audited and that failure to achieve the expected standards is recorded.
7. Ensure that where damage to utility assets occur, a suitable and sufficient investigation takes place, that learning is shared and that action is taken to reduce the risks to those carrying out the work.

What the Charter Does



What we want you to do with it

- Assess your own systems
- Use the Charter in bids, tenders and supply chain management
- Measure supply chain

Use the charter plan

- Measure your supply chain
- Measure your people

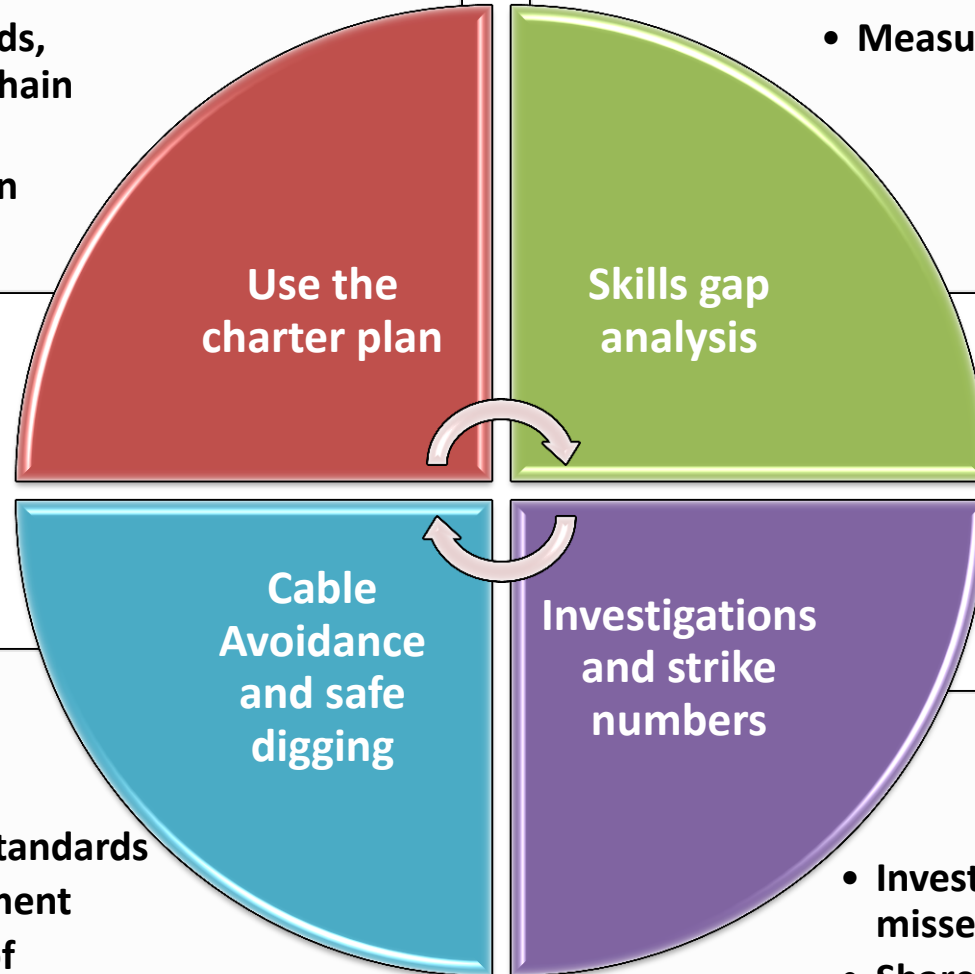
Skills gap analysis

- Commit to training standards
- Competency Assessment
- Competence in use of equipment

Cable Avoidance and safe digging

- Investigate Strikes and near misses
- Share and Learn

Investigations and strike numbers



Benefits

People

- Competence
- Behaviours
- Injury
- Engagement

Systems

- Common systems
- Supply chain reliability
- Resilience

Behaviours

- Positive safety
- Hazard reduction
- Assessment

Corporate Responsibility

- Reduced damage
- Reduced disruption
- Enhanced reputation

Website

- Visit
 - <http://usag.weebly.com>
 - Charter
 - Toolkit
 - News
 - Blog



Summary



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