



## BIE SAFETY ADVISOR

### **Are you a New York State Certified Excavator?**

The Dig Safely New York, Inc. (DSNY) Certified Excavator Program in Safe Digging Best Practices has set a standard for training New York State professional excavators in the proper procedures of excavation. The program teaches students the requirements set forth in New York State Code Rule 753 and the Safe Digging Best Practices that should be used for safe excavation in accordance with the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices. By using experience and actual challenges faced in the field, the course is designed to assist professionals with how to proceed safely and correctly, in spite of the obstacles; because we know that no system is always perfect. There is never complete control in the one-call process by any one party' therefore, DSNY is teaching professional excavators how to control and respond to the obstacles they may encounter during excavation operations.

When a person successfully completes the Dig Safely New York Certified Excavator Program (CEP) in Safe Digging Best Practices and demonstrates a fundamental understanding of the safe digging best practices in accordance with the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices and New York State Code Rule 753, they are certified by the one-call center for five years\*.

The program is an interactive course that may be taken in-person or online. This certification combines various learning styles, including audio, visual, and hands-on exercises that allow participants to apply their knowledge into situations and

obstacles that could be encountered in the field. Not only do participants establish or refresh their in-depth knowledge on the law and best practices of safe digging to prevent damages to underground facilities, but also to brand themselves or their companies.

Becoming a certified excavator means you have the knowledge and expertise in safe digging best practices and Code Rule 753. Let your clients, your colleagues, and your competition know with the Certified Excavator Program (CEP) label on your business or resume. Nothing says "I'm the best" like a third-party endorsement. You and/or your business can use this certification as a brand and extract maximum marketing advantages, including specialized marketing materials Dig Safely New York offers to companies that are certified and display an exemplary level of safety in the field.

To learn more about the Certified Excavator Program, [click here](#).

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copy and paste the following in your web browser:  
<https://www.digsafelynewyork.com/safety-training/certified-excavator-program/program-details>

*\*Certifications are good for five years as long as the individual successfully attends one (1) free renewal class each year between the year certified and the expiration year. Free renewal classes include any individual/company training requested, any free Excavator Breakfast event, or any of the nine annual Excavator Safety Seminars, hosted each March.*



