



OVERVIEW OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION CHANGES

Changes affecting Members

- 1) **60 day validity:** Members must have a minimum 60 day validity period for their locates. Section 8 (1)
- 2) Standard locates timeline: **5 + 3 rule!** Members have 5 business days to complete a standard locate and 3 business days to mark it complete or cleared in 360. OUINS Act Section 6 (3) and Section 14 (1)
- 3) **Dedicated Locator:** All Members, except Transmission lines (Section 7 (12)), must participate in Dedicated Locator. OUINS Act Section 7 - For more on Dedicated Locator [Click Here](#)
- 4) **Notification of delay:** If a Member is going to be late in delivering a locate they are required to notify Ontario One Call. OUINS Act Section 14 (2) - Check out our Best Practice on How to Give Notice of Delay: [Click Here](#)
- 5) **Change in information after a locate was completed:** Provided that a locate is still valid, if a Member becomes aware of any change in information that was provided, they must notify Ontario One Call, the Excavator (if the information was provided for a standard locate), and the Project Owner and Dedicated Locator (if the information was provided for a project involving a Dedicated Locator) within 2 business days. OUINS Act Section 9 (1) - To learn more [Click Here](#)

Changes affecting Excavators

- 1) **Sharing locates:** Excavators can now share the locates. Tip: When requesting a locate add additional names of the people or companies you plan to share with. OUINS Act Section 11 - Get more details by checking out our Best Practice on Sharing Locates: [Click here](#)
- 2) **30 day rule:** Excavators can not request a locate to be delivered unless they expect excavation to begin within 30 days. OUINS Act Section 12 (1)
- 3) **Do not dig without locates:** Excavators can not dig unless all locates are completed and all locates are valid - not expired. If locate markings are no longer visible they are considered expired. OUINS Act Section 10 (1) & (2) and Section (8) (3)
- 4) **Excavator Recourse** – Excavators can now seek compensation from an Underground Infrastructure Owner if there is a financial loss or expense incurred due to the other party contravening specific sections of the Act. OUINS Act Section 17 - To find out more [Click Here](#)

