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Damage to Government Water Mains by Contractors

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Water is very precious resource in Hong Kong. In recent years, there have been frequent incidents of government water mains being damaged by public works contractors. Those incidents have not only caused inconvenience to the public but also resulted in huge wastage of the precious water resource.

Contractors are reminded to take extra care and precautionary measures when carrying out works in the vicinity of the water mains. Contractors are obliged to obtain record drawings from Water Services Department, carry out detection to identify alignment and depth of underground water mains, provide marking to indicate their presence, make use of manual tools instead of heavy machines in case of excavation work in close proximity of the water mains and also provide necessary protection to prevent the water mains from damage.

Contractors are required to report to Water Services Department promptly to minimise the negative impact arising from damaged or leaking government water mains.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Safety and Health Unit, Development and Construction Division, Housing Department at 2129 3269.