Safety guidelines for outdoor operations

Businesses are the heartbeat of our communities. If your business is expanding operations outdoors, we want to help you do so safely and avoid potential hazards, such as blocking SDG&E® equipment. We offer you the following safety guidelines to help with your outdoor business expansion.









Do not block access to SDG&E structures with objects or other barriers.



Maintain 24-hour access to all utility equipment in the event of emergencies and essential maintenance.



1 PRE-CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

 If you plan to do any excavating, call 8-1-1 at least two business days before digging to have underground lines marked and help prevent serious damage.



DESCRIPTIONEQUIPMENT AND POWER LINES

 Never store equipment or set up business fixtures such as umbrellas, canopies or signage, within 10 feet of power lines.



MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

 Blocking utility infrastructure like manholes, transformers and curbside-gas meters could create delays in emergency response. Maintain clear access to utility equipment at all times in the event of emergencies or essential maintenance.



⚠ POWER CORD SAFETY

 Avoid overloading extension cords and make sure to use no more than one extension cord per outlet. Check power cords regularly to ensure they are in good working condition and not frayed.



OUTDOOR HEATERS

 Keep outdoor heaters away from canopies, trees and other flammable items to prevent fire hazards. Secure heaters with sandbags to keep them from tilting or falling.



MINIMUM CLEARANCE

 When you're open and operating, keep a 3-foot clearance from all utility equipment. Do not place outdoor dining chairs, tables, parklets and other items on top of underground facilities, or block access to poles and other utility infrastructure.

Outside of your business hours or if your business is closed, ensure an 8-foot clearance around all utility infrastructure including poles, vault lids, manholes, curbside meters and utility boxes.

For more information to help your business operate outdoors safely please visit **sdge.com/outdoor**.