

Figure: 16 TAC §18.12(e)

Table 1. Typical Penalties

Rule and violation	Guideline Penalty Amount
16 TAC §18.1-Failure to comply with Chapter 18	\$2,000
16 TAC §18.3-Failure to notify notification center	\$2,500
16 TAC §18.3-Failure to include method for positive response	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.3-Failure to use white lining where appropriate	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.3-Failure to conduct a required face-to-face meeting	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.3; §18.9-Failure to establish sufficient protocols when required	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.3-Failure to refresh an expired locate ticket	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.4-Failure to plan excavation to avoid damage or take reasonable steps to protect pipelines	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.4-Failure to wait the required time to excavate	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.4-Failure to give second notice when required	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.4-Failure to confirm valid locate ticket	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.4-Failure to protect locate markings	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.5-Failure to provide positive response on first or second notice	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.5-Failure to keep record of positive response	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.5; §18.11-Failure to notify of no positive response	\$1,000
16 TAC §§18.6-18.8-Failure to mark excavation area or pipeline properly	\$2,500
16 TAC §18.6-Failure to notify notification center for excavation activity after an emergency notice and the emergency condition ceased to exist	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.9-Failure to record and/or retain protocol agreement	\$1,000
16 TAC §18.10-Failure to excavate with reasonable care within Tolerance Zone	\$2,500
16 TAC §18.11-Failure to submit a Texas Damage Reporting Form	\$2,000
16 TAC §18.11-Failure of excavator to report pipeline damage to operator	\$2,000