



SAFETY BRIEF

CONSTRUCTION HOLES

Unguarded floor holes at construction sites can lead to a wide range of injuries if not properly taken care of. To reduce the risk of this hazard, follow the safety tips below.

- Do not leave a floor or roof opening uncovered or unguarded
- If the hole is unguarded, report it to your supervisor immediately
- Ask someone to stand guard near the hole when you leave to seek assistance
- Find a covering that is big enough to cover the hole and can support at least two times the weight of workers, equipment and materials that may cross over it
- Check to see if the covering is sagging; if so, find a sturdier piece of material
- Secure the covering in place
- Label the covering with the word "Hole"
- If possible, create a barricade or rope off the area
- Post warning signs around the area
- For vertical openings, put up a standard temporary guardrail with a top rail, intermediate rail and posts



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