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Mobile District Safety and Occupational Health Office
Hole Covers

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The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (yellow book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the changes for hole covers protection program as stated below.

21.F COVERS.

21.F.01 Install covers on any hole 2 in (5.1cm) or more in its least dimension on walking/working surfaces such as floors, roofs or other openings.

21.F.02 Covers shall be capable of supporting, without failure, at least twice the weight of the worker, equipment and material combined.

21.F.03 Covers shall be secured when installed, clearly marked with the word "HOLE", "COVER" or "Danger, Roof Opening-Do Not Remove" or color-coded or equivalent methods (e.g., red or orange "X"). Workers must be made aware of the meaning for color coding and equivalent methods.

