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Opening
The Way To
A Deadly Fall

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WHAT'S THE DANGER

- Terrible feeling
- Seems to be a solid surface
- Begin a fall
- How a floor opening fall typically happens
- Through an opening
- Chutes, elevator shafts, mine shafts



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WHAT'S THE DANGER



- Openings in floors and roofs
- Construction, renovation and demolition
- Guarded and securely covered
- Half measures won't do it

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EXAMPLE



- Cleaning up after a roofing crew
- Not realizing it covers an opening
- Passing through renovation site
- Too-small covering
- Skylights and other roof features not designed to bear weight

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EXAMPLE

- Industrial plants
- Catwalks
- Unguarded sides and ends
- Tanks with unguarded openings
- Unguarded access points to fixed vertical ladders



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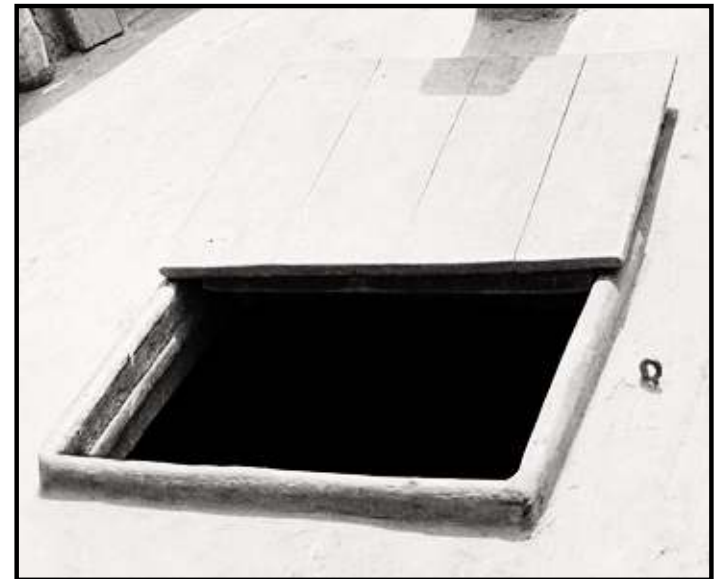
SAFETY LAWS

- Guards around openings
- Prevention of falls
- Temporary and emergency floor and wall openings - must be guarded
- Cover - capable of supporting any load
- Secured and labeled
- Should go over the entire opening



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- Ladderway floor openings and platforms must be guarded
- Entrance must be arranged so the person cannot walk directly into the opening
- Guards also required for:
 - Hatchways and chute openings
 - Skylight openings
 - Pits and trap door openings
 - Manhole floor openings
 - Fall prevention and fall arrest equipment



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Final Word



**Don't wait for an opening
...do it now.**