**Safe Work Practice**

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| Name of Job:**Opening And Guarding Manholes** | Development Date:**February 24th, 2011** | Developed By:**CSNS** |

**Possible Hazards Present**

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| Slips, Trips, Falls  | Environment | Cave -in  | Contact with bacteria  |
| Risk of eye injury from flying particles | [Extreme temperatures](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/hot_cold.html) when working outdoors. | . |  |

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended**

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| Head protection  | Eye Protection | Foot protection | Hearing Protection |
| Respirator Equipment | Skin Protection  |  |  |

**What are some good general safe work practices?**

* **DO** ensure obstructions to traffic shall be guarded by adequate signs, barricades, lights, flares or flags.
* **DO** ensure a blow torch or other open flame is not utilized to melt ice around a manhole or vault cover.
* **DO** ensure covers are removed and replaced by means of approved hooks or hoists.
* **DO** Ensue forced ventilation is used for oxygen deficiency.
* **DO** ensure equipment is in good working conditions.
* **DO** ensure you are trained in the use of breathing air apparatus.
* **DO** before any work is done on a cable, it shall be identified by an approved method.