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Safe Work Practice

Name of Job: Opening And Guarding Manholes	Development Date: February 24th, 2011	Developed By: CSNS
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Possible Hazards Present

Slips, Trips, Falls Risk of eye injury from flying particles	Environment Extreme temperatures when working outdoors.	Cave -in .	Contact with bacteria
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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

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** Ensure 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.

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