



Covers for Holes in Floors, Roofs and Other Walking Working Surfaces

GENERAL RULES

- Covers in roadways must support at least 2x's the max axle load
- All other covers must support at least 2x's max intended load
- All covers must be secured to prevent accidental displacement
- All covers must be marked "HOLE" or "COVER" to warn of hazard
- **Covers/barricades should be installed, as the hazard is created**
- The top edge height of top rails, or equivalent guardrail system members, are 42 inches, plus or minus 3 inches, above the walking-working surface.
- Mid-rails are installed at a height midway between the top edge of the guardrail system and the walking-working surface

OSHA DEFINES A "HOLE" AS
A GAP OR VOID 2 INCHES OR
MORE IN ITS LEAST DIMENSION IN
A FLOOR, ROOF, OR OTHER
WALKING / WORKING SURFACE.