

Health and Safety

Advice Note – Manhole Protection



These Advice Notes have been prepared in order to share current good practice with respect to various construction activities

Manholes should be covered at all times:

- Manholes should be covered immediately after work is completed

- Manholes should be covered before close of site each working day

• While working on manholes ensure adequate protection is in place around the manhole

Where temporary covers are in place, eg. Wooden boards, they should be fixed securely and



identified to ensure against damage from vehicles etc

For convenience and to prevent transport of safety barriers over long distances between manholes, work should be carried out and completed in sequence on small groups of manholes within the same site region

Ensure manhole covers are fully secured

For further information refer to Regulation 55 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006

See overleaf for examples...

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Unsafe Practices





This document contains examples on good practice which are not compulsory but which you may find helpful in considering what you need to do.

For further information on Health and Safety related issues go to **www.hsa.ie**