



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INCIDENT ALERT

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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Open Hole - Form Work

Employees were stripping form work approximately 2 feet off the ground and the boards were placed across steel frames to allow workers to have better footing.

This resulted in an opening approximately 10 inches long and 6 inches wide.

An employee stepped into this area, causing them to fall against a steel beam, resulting in a painful injury.



**Ask yourself
“Could this happen here?”**

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Increase inspections to include areas where there is a potential for openings.
- Immediately cover openings, if found.
- Secure boards so they cannot be inadvertently moved while working.
- Develop and implement a procedure to ensure that steel frames are fully covered.
- Be aware of surroundings.

Key Take Away

Ensure all walkways, floors, and work platforms are regularly inspected and that trip, slip and fall hazards are addressed immediately.

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