

TOOLBOX TALKS

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SKYLIGHTS

A hole is defined as any gap of 2 inches or more in width in the walking/working level. Employees must be protected from falling into holes by using covers, personal fall arrest systems or guardrails.

Although skylights have covers, the covers may be deteriorated from many years of sitting out in the weather and sun. Because of this, these covers will not be able to support an object or person falling onto them. One of the following safety measures should be used when working around skylights:

- Cages
- Netting
- Covers
- Warning Flags
- Personal Fall Arrest System

SKYLIGHT PROTECTION OPTIONS

Warning Line. To block access to entire area. No work inside the flagged area unless fall arrest/restraint of other protective measures are instituted.



Nets. Pre-engineered adjustable nets can be placed over sky lights. These nets are tested to meet strength requirements and must be used according to manufacturer recommendations.



Guard Rails. These can be placed around the outside of the skylight or hatch.



Covers. These can be placed/anchored inside the skylight which then is replaced to provide a weather tight barrier. The hole covers must be able to hold 2x's the anticipated load.i.e. A 200 lb. workers with 50 lbs. of tools would be (250 x 2 = 500 lbs).



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✓ SAFETY CHECK

What similar hazards do we have at this site?

Any suggestions to improve these hazards?

Company:

Location:

Presenter:

Date:

ATTENDANCE SHEET