

SAFETY ALERT

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STOP!

OPEN HOLES ARE A SIGNIFICANT RISK!

ELIMINATE

= COVER THE HOLE

MINIMISE

= ISOLATE THE WORK AREA WITH BARRICADES OR DANGER TAPE



WHAT HAPPENED?

A tenant's friend sustained a fractured leg injury after falling through an open hole left by a contractor (carpenter).

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

Open hole was left unprotected, contractor had no equipment to make safe, i.e. plywood cover, barrier, danger tape

WHAT CAN BE LEARNT FROM THE INCIDENT?

Contractors must plan ahead for all risk associated with the task. This includes ensuring a risk assessment is completed, Safety equipment is available, and hazards are controlled and made safe. Doing nothing is not an option!