

Hole Protection

On larger projects, with extensive holes or penetrations, consideration must be given to an agreed protection solution which should be monitored for adequacy.

- Hole coverings must allow for secure fixing but also safe removal and refitting. Where the work methods require this, Risk Assessments and Method Statements for operations must cover both the removal and replacement process.

- Sub-Contract Supervisors must be appointed to take responsibility for any on-site management and inspection of holes and voids.

Where it is impractical to cover larger holes or voids, full edge protection must be provided and consideration given to additional debris netting to stop smaller falling material. Hole protection must be inspected daily by the Supervisor nominated for that area and any deficiencies must be rectified immediately.

- Hole protection must be maintained to a high standard and securely fixed to avoid displacement or tampering.

- Holes should never be left open and unattended.

