

HAZARD ALERT

Incident Title:

Unsecured Stormwater Pit Lid

Date of Incident:

April 2016

Incident Description and Details:

A worker stepped onto the corner of an unsecured lid of a stormwater pit and fell into the pit sustaining an injury to his abdomen.

The grate and frame was not recessed or bolted and pivoted into the opening of the pit when stepped on.

There were no barriers placed around the pit at the time.

Ambulance officers attended the site and the injured party was taken to hospital.

Recommendations/Lessons:

- Place barricading around pit openings.
- Identify and risk assess the hazards when you arrive at a site.
- Ensure all obstacles or tripping hazards are identified within your immediate working area.
- Ensure flagging or barricades are used around identified hazard areas on the site.
- Discuss and highlight site specific hazards at toolbox meetings.

