



## Meiners Electric, Company Safety Manual

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**Wall and Floor Opening – Barricades and Protection**

### 1. WALL AND FLOOR OPENING – BARRICADES AND PROTECTION

1. Floor and wall openings are among the most common workplace hazards found in the construction industry. Although electrical construction operations seldom require the creation of floor and/or wall openings, everyone must be aware of their presence and precautions needed (such as signs and barricades) to control their inherent exposures. If your work requires removing the caution or warning signs, you must ***replace them immediately*** upon completing your work – it is your responsibility to ***help insure the protection of others*** working in the area.
2. Wall openings, manholes, and/or other floor openings in any working surface must be protected with barriers and/or hole covers. While the cover is not in place, the wall opening, manhole, or other floor opening shall be constantly attended or shall be protected on all exposed sides **by appropriate barricades**.
3. Floor openings created during the performance of a work activity into which persons can accidentally walk shall be guarded by either:

**appropriate barricades** with a standard toe board on all exposed sides

or

a floor hole cover of **appropriate** strength and construction

**Barricades, and/or signs shall always be provided as warnings of hazards such as overhead work, crane swing, and excavations.**