



Hazard Recognition Bulletin from Carl Potter, CSP / 5/4/2009

What are the hazards?

In this bulletin, you will notice a hazard that is a serious risk to the public. In this case, the owners of this shopping center may find themselves in a lawsuit for failing to protect the customers and the public from danger. Obviously, the open hole can swallow-up a small child or cause an unaware adult to experience severe injuries. The damaged grate on the right of the picture might be the least obvious hazard to a passerby. Trip hazards typically lead workplace injuries and they can easily be guarded until repairs and made safe. The biggest issue here is that a meager attempt has been made to alert pedestrians of the hazard, however the absence of a barricade puts everyone in danger. The failure to control the hazard is irresponsible.

If this hazard were in your worksite, how would you guard it until made safe?

Lesson Learned?

- Recognize a hazard and guard it immediately
- Make every effort to fix the hazard permanently
- Attend Carl Potter's Hazard Recognition and Control Workshop or schedule one for your location

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