

SEPTIC TANK SAFETY



**HELP US PREVENT
INJURY AND DEATH**



People do accidentally fall into septic tanks. In most cases, they get out without serious injury. But the tragic death of a child is a reminder to inspect your septic system for unsecured, damaged, or missing lids.

Take these precautions to make sure no one accidentally falls into your septic tank:

- Know the locations of your septic system lids or covers.
- Routinely inspect lid condition for hazards or problems.
- Keep lids secure by repairing or replacing all damaged or missing parts.
- Use bolts, screws, or other locks to secure lids and prevent easy access.
- Never drive or park vehicles on septic systems – it can damage or dislodge the cover.
- Never leave an open septic system unattended during inspection or servicing. Make sure to secure lids after working on your septic system.
- Teach children not to play on or open septic tank lids.

FINDING YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

If you can't find the opening to your septic tank, contact your local health department. They likely issued permits for the system which may include a system map. If the local health department doesn't have a record on file, contact a professional septic system company - they have experience finding difficult-to-spot tanks. Also, many systems are completely buried, so your system may not have lids at the surface. You can find your local health department's contact information through our website: www.doh.wa.gov