

# Re: Why are ManHole Covers Round?

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On Thu, 31 Jan 2008 08:31:00 -0000, Tim Little  
<tim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 2008-01-31, Don Stockbauer <donstockbauer@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In this politically correct gender-neutral age one must not say  
"manhole cover". The correct term is "person-hole cover". Thank you.

That term was replaced by "perchildhole cover", avoiding the male  
dominance implicit in the use of "son".

However further refinement was clearly necessary to remove linguistic  
degradation of more than half the population, particularly given the  
use of the word "cover" which has obvious ties to breeding of  
livestock, and even more so when combined with the blatant symbolism  
of the hole. Applying it to children was utterly disgusting.

No consensus has been reached on a suitable replacement. It is  
currently recommended not to employ or refer to the concept at all.

You guys are funny.

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