

**471.92 DANGEROUS EXCAVATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Wells, pools, cisterns, basins as nuisance.** The governing body of any county, city or town may regulate the maintenance or abandonment of open wells, cesspools, cisterns, recharging basins, catch basins and may provide penalties for the violation thereof. The use, maintenance, or abandonment of any such installation so as to endanger the safety of any considerable number of persons, may be defined as a public nuisance and abated pursuant to the laws relating to public nuisances.

Subd. 2. **Abate by cover, fence.** The abatement of any such nuisance may include suitably covering such installation or surrounding the same with a suitable protective fence.

**History:** *1955 c 601 s 1,2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7*