



SAFETY BRIEF

CONFINED SPACES

Each year, hundreds of U.S. workers die while working in confined spaces. If you work in a confined space, it's your job to follow all confined space safety regulations and guidelines to ensure your work gets completed safely.

WHAT IS A CONFINED SPACE?

A confined space as any space that:

- Is large enough for an employee to enter and perform work
- Has limited or restricted means of entry or exit
- Is not designed for continuous occupancy

TYPES OF CONFINED SPACES

Confined spaces can include tunnels, sewers, manholes, silos, tanks and pits.

WHAT IS A PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE?

A permit-required confined space may not have enough oxygen or the air could be flammable or toxic. Because of these hazards, there are rules in place to keep you safe.

SAFETY TIPS

- Do not enter a permit-required confined space unless you have a permit.
- Monitor the atmosphere to check concentrations of oxygen and flammable gases and vapors.
- Ventilate the space if necessary with forced air.
- Use personal protective equipment as a last line of defense to protect against a hazardous atmosphere.
- Have a trained attendant present to monitor the work and call for emergency assistance if necessary. The attendant should never enter the confined space.
- The entrant and attendant should maintain constant communication. If communication is lost, the attendant should immediately call for help.



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