



SAFETY BRIEF

CONFINED SPACE RESCUES

Confined space incidents result in a higher rate of fatalities than most other workplace emergencies. Sixty percent of these fatalities occur when a worker attempts a rescue operation. Follow these guidelines for rescuing someone from a confined space.

TYPES OF RESCUE

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- Preferred method of victim retrieval
- Doesn't require anyone to enter the confined space
- Necessary equipment includes a full-body harness, line, anchorage device or winch

Entry by others

- Performed by a trained third-party such as the local fire department

Entry by trained company employees

- Performed by trained employees of the company

RESCUE PREPARATIONS

- Analyze the confined space and surrounding area
- Develop an effective rescue plan
- Educate rescue personnel on the available equipment and all potential hazards
- Perform periodic training exercises
- Regularly evaluate the training, equipment and response time of the rescue team

DURING A RESCUE

- Clear the area of all unauthorized employees
- Designate roles of the rescue team
- Station at least one person certified in CPR and first aid at the rescue site
- Establish a clear communication channel between all rescue personnel
- Use the appropriate personal protective equipment

AFTER A RESCUE

- Debrief the victim and the rescue team
- Document the situation
- Analyze the incident to determine what could have been done to prevent it



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