

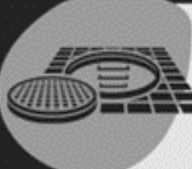
Emphasis on Confined Space Infographic



CONFINED SPACES

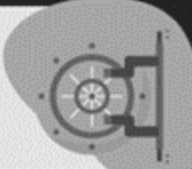


CONFINED SPACES ARE DEFINED BY OSHA AS SPACES THAT ARE NOT NECESSARILY DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE, BUT ARE LARGE ENOUGH THAT WORKERS CAN GO INSIDE AND PERFORM SPECIFIC TASKS. THEY HAVE LIMITED OR RESTRICTED MEANS OF ENTRY AND ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR CONTINUOUS OCCUPANCY.



DEFINITIONS

CONFINED SPACES MUST BE LARGE ENOUGH FOR AN EMPLOYEE TO FULLY ENTER AND PERFORM ASSIGNED WORK. THEY CANNOT BE DESIGNED FOR CONTINUOUS OCCUPANCY BY THE EMPLOYEE, AND THEY HAVE A LIMITED OR RESTRICTED MEANS OF ENTRY OR EXIT. PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACES CONTAIN OR HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONTAIN A HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERE, A MATERIAL WITH THE POTENTIAL TO ENGULF SOMEONE WHO ENTERS, OR ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED SERIOUS HEALTH OR SAFETY HAZARDS.



IDENTIFYING HAZARDS

EVALUATE THE WORKPLACE TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACES PRESENT. IF THERE ARE, INFORM THE EXPOSED EMPLOYEES OF THEIR EXISTENCE, LOCATION, AND THE HAZARDS THEY POSE. POST DANGER SIGNS, WITH LANGUAGE SUCH AS "DANGER -- REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE, DO NOT ENTER," OR SIMILAR WORDING THAT WOULD SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SIGN.



WRITTEN PERMIT SPACE PROGRAM

IF EMPLOYEES NEED TO ENTER PERMIT SPACES, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A WRITTEN PERMIT SPACE PROGRAM THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. IF WORKERS DO NOT NEED TO ENTER PERMIT SPACES, TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT THEM FROM ENTERING THOSE SPACES. UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIC CONDITIONS, USE ALTERNATE PROCEDURES FOR WORKER ENTRY INTO A PERMIT SPACE.



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

THE PROGRAM MUST IMPLEMENT THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY, AND IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE HAZARDS BEFORE ALLOWING ENTRY. IT SHOULD REQUIRE TESTING OF THE ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS IN THE PERMIT SPACE BEFORE ENTRY, AND MONITORING DURING ENTRY. IT MUST ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT THE MEANS, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL HAZARDS NECESSARY FOR SAFE PERMIT SPACE ENTRY OPERATIONS, AND IDENTIFY EMPLOYEE JOB DUTIES.



ENTRY PERMITS

A PERMIT SIGNED BY THE ENTRY SUPERVISOR MUST BE POSTED AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE CONFINED SPACE, OR BE MADE AVAILABLE TO WORKERS BEFORE THEY ENTER THE PERMIT SPACE. IT MUST VERIFY THAT PRE-ENTRY PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, AND THE DURATION OF THE ENTRY PERMITS MUST NOT EXCEED THE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN ASSIGNMENT. INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE PERMIT SPACE THAT IS BEING ENTERED, AND THE NAMES OF THE AUTHORIZED WORKERS, ELIGIBLE ATTENDANTS, AND INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO BE ENTRY SUPERVISORS.