



Tips

Best Practices for Permit-Required Confined Spaces

Confined Space: A confined space has limited entry or exit, is not designed for continuous occupancy, and is big enough to enter. Permit Required Confined Spaces also have hazards such as atmospheres, engulfment risks, or inwardly converging walls. Examples include tanks, silos, and manholes.

- **Written Program:** Maintain an up-to-date written program listing authorized personnel, safety procedures, and known confined spaces. Ensure compliance with training, rescue procedures, and entry conditions.
- **Entry Permit:** Before entering, complete and sign an entry permit, documenting safety measures. The permit should be available at the entry site and only valid for the duration of the specific task.
- **Training & Equipment:** Employees must be trained in their roles (entrant, attendant, supervisor). Use necessary equipment, including gas detection meters, ventilation, and rescue gear, and keep it maintained.
- **Rescue Operations:** Have a rescue plan that includes self-rescue, non-entry rescue, and external rescue teams. Ensure external teams are trained for permit-required confined space rescues specific to your entity's needs.

