



Weekly Safety Meetings **Select Edition**

Safety Training for the Construction Industry

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Confined Spaces

When it comes to confined spaces, you need to know what you're getting into. OSHA defines a confined space as a space that is large enough and configured in such a way that an employee can enter and perform assigned work; has limited or restricted means for entry or exit; and is not designed for continuous employee occupancy. Confined spaces include storage tanks, bins, boilers, ventilation ducts, sewers, tunnels, pipelines, manholes, vaults, and pits.

A confined space has several potentially fatal hazards including:

1. gases, vapors, and dust particles in the air that could ignite or explode.
2. lack of oxygen which can cause asphyxiation.
3. toxicity from poisonous vapors and gases that can cause illness and death.
4. physical hazards such as becoming trapped, falling, or drowning; as well as snakes, spiders, and rodents.

Potential hazards associated with the confined space require testing, monitoring, and control by an appropriately trained individual. You should never enter a confined space until it has been evaluated and proper control measures have been established. Before you enter a confined space:

- Recognize the potential hazards involved.
- Know all the necessary precautions you must take.
- Wear all the required personal protective equipment for that specific confined space.
- Review the pre-established rescue procedure in case of an emergency.
- Understand the communication system that will be used.
- Have a trained attendant standing by and in constant contact with you to call for help in case of emergency.
- Ask questions if you are unsure about any of the procedures involved.

Accidents usually occur because workers fail to recognize the potential hazards of a confined space. Proper planning and preparation can reduce your chances of injury.

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SAFETY REMINDER
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When in doubt, get out!

If you suspect something is wrong, leave the space immediately.

NOTES:

SPECIAL TOPICS /EMPLOYEE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS/NOTES:

S.A.F.E. CARDS* PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK:

REVIEWED SDS #

SUBJECT:

MEETING DOCUMENTATION:

JOB NAME:

MEETING DATE:

SUPERVISOR:

ATTENDEES:

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