

Entering Confined Spaces

SAFETY CHECKLIST

Name

Department

Date

DESCRIPTION	YES	NO	N/A
Are confined spaces required to be thoroughly emptied of any corrosive or dangerous materials, such as acids or caustics, before entry?			
Are all lines to a confined space, containing inert, toxic, flammable, or corrosive materials valved off and blanked or disconnected and separated before entry?			
Is it required that all impellers, agitators, or other moving equipment inside confined spaces be locked-out if they present a hazard?			
Is either natural or mechanical ventilation provided prior to confined space entry?			
Are appropriate atmospheric tests performed to check for oxygen deficiency, toxic substances and explosive concentrations in the confined space before entry?			
Is adequate illumination provided for the work to be performed in the confined space?			
Is the atmosphere inside the confined space periodically tested during conduct of work?			
Is there an assigned attendant outside of the confined space whose sole responsibility is to watch the work in progress, sound an alarm if necessary, and render assistance?			
Is the attendant appropriately trained and equipped to handle an emergency?			
Is the attendant prohibited from entering the confined space without lifelines or respiratory equipment if there is any question as to the cause of an emergency?			
Is approved appropriate respiratory equipment required if the atmosphere inside the confined space cannot be made satisfactory?			
Before gas welding or burning is started in a confined space, are hoses checked for leaks, compressed gas bottles forbidden inside, and torches lighted only outside of the confined area?			
Is the confined area tested for an explosive atmosphere each time before a lighted torch is to be taken into the confined space?			
Is all portable electrical equipment used inside confined spaces either grounded and insulated, or equipped with ground fault protection?			
If employees will be using equipment such as salamanders, torches, etc., is there sufficient air to assure combustion without reducing the oxygen concentration below 19.5 % by volume?			
Whenever combustion type equipment is used in a confined space, are provisions made to ensure the exhaust gases are vented outside of the enclosure?			
Is each confined space checked for decaying vegetation or animal matter which may produce methane?			
Is confined space checked for possible industrial waste, which could contain toxic properties?			
If the confined space is below the ground and near areas where motor vehicles will be operating, is it possible for vehicle exhaust or carbon monoxide to enter the space?			
In addition to the attendant, is there at least one other trained rescuer in the vicinity?			
Are all rescuers appropriately trained and using approved, recently inspected equipment?			
Does all rescue equipment allow for lifting employees vertically from a top opening?			
Are there trained personnel in First Aid and CPR immediately available?			
Is there an effective communication system in place whenever respiratory equipment is used and the employee in the confined space is out of sight of the attendant?			