

TAKE CONTROL

Prevent Serious Injuries and Fatalities

A confined space is any space or structure that has limited openings for entry/exit and is not intended for continuous occupancy, but you can still fit inside to perform work. Entering a confined space has a high potential to cause a serious injury or fatality – especially if there is a hazardous atmosphere because even though you probably won't be able to see the hazard, it can still kill you.



WHEN ENTERING A CONFINED SPACE

ARE YOU ABOUT TO...

- Conduct maintenance or other work in a **permit-required confined space**?
Not sure? Does a space you're about to enter have **any of the following characteristics**?
 - Contains or has a potential to contain a **hazardous atmosphere**;
 - Contains a material with the **potential for engulfing** an entrant;
 - Has an **internal configuration such that an entrant could be trapped or asphyxiated** by inwardly converging walls or a floor that tapers to a smaller cross-section; or
 - Contains any other **recognized serious safety or health hazard**.

If **yes**, then it's a permit-required space.



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IMPLEMENT THESE CRITICAL CONTROLS:

- Consider if there is another way to do the job that **doesn't require entering the confined space**.
- **Fully complete a Confined Space Entry Permit.** Make sure a supervisor signs the permit certifying the space is safe for work. This includes a pre-entry meeting, atmospheric monitoring, establishing communication procedures, and preparing the area for entry.
- Use **all necessary PPE and check for wear, tear and damage** before use.
- Have a **rescue plan** in place and make sure all rescue and retrieval equipment is readily available.