

Save Your Life Actions

Confined Space Entry



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Actions	How to (examples)
Isolation of Hazardous Energy	
<p>1 Confined Space Entry has been evaluated for Isolation of Hazardous Energy (IHE) requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physically inspect job site using isolation diagrams, P&IDs or Process Flow Diagrams to identify potential hazardous material and energy sources. Evaluate if confined space contains or has the potential to contain hazardous atmospheres. Evaluate if confined space requires IHE to eliminate existing or potential hazards. Confirm confined space is isolated from other equipment, piping, etc., using approved methods (e.g., isolation blinds).
Prior to Confined Space Entry	
<p>2 The atmosphere is within allowed limits for entry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask Qualified Gas Tester to explain how they know the gas meter is working as designed. Watch initial gas testing and confirm results on meter are within acceptable limits. Confirm Qualified Gas Tester has tested for stratified atmospheres (i.e., different levels within the confined space).
<p>3 Gas testing frequency has been established.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm with the Qualified Gas Tester the required frequency for follow up gas testing and is documented on permit prior to starting work. Confirm no more than 30 minutes will pass after the initial gas testing before starting work.
<p>4 Ventilation is in place and working.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm confined space is ventilated (natural and/or mechanical) to dilute the air from containing dust, fumes, mist, vapors, gases, heat etc. If using mechanical ventilation, confirm the flexible ducting is arranged so there are no dead spaces. Confirm ventilation will be continuous. Confirm mechanical ventilation equipment is bonded and/or grounded to prevent static electricity hazards. Confirm ventilation exhaust outlets are not near an ignition source and will not draw exhausted air back into the space. Confirm ventilation inlets will not be affected by wind/weather conditions and will not have flow restrictions.

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<p>5 Entry watch has been assigned and communication plan agreed to.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm an entry watch has been assigned and is at the job site. • Ask the entry watch to describe their responsibilities, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visually monitoring personnel in the confined space - Documenting entry and exits from the confined space - Monitoring the confined space for changing conditions • Discuss communication plan with entry watch prior to entry. • Confirm communication strategy has been agreed to (e.g., hand signals, radio).
<p>6 All entrants are wearing rescue equipment required in rescue plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm the rescue plan can be executed, rescue equipment is at the job site, and workers know their roles. • Confirm the crew are wearing the rescue equipment (e.g., harnesses, retrieval device).