

UNDERSTANDING PERMIT-REQUIRED CONFINED SPACES

Many workplaces contain spaces that are considered to be “confined” because their configurations hinder the activities of employees who must enter into, work in or exit from them. In many instances, employees who work in confined spaces also face increased risk of exposure to serious physical injury from health and safety hazards such as entrapment, engulfment and atmospheric hazardous conditions. The terms “permit-required confined space” and “permit space” refer to spaces that meet OSHA’s definition of a “confined space” and contain health or safety hazards. OSHA requires workers to have a permit to enter these spaces. The primary objective of this presentation is to increase the participant’s knowledge of OSHA’s Permit-Required Confined Space (permit space) standard.

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