

# Permit-Required Confined Space Awareness - Employee Handout

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## KEY DECISIONS TO REMEMBER

### What is a confined space?

Large enough and configured so an employee can bodily enter and perform work.

### When it becomes permit-required

Potential hazardous atmosphere.

### Atmospheric hazards

Oxygen deficiency/enrichment, toxic gases/vapors and flammable atmospheres require appropriate testing/control.

### Roles and communication

Authorized entrants understand hazards and equipment, communicate status and exit when required.

### Isolation and permit controls

Lockout/tagout, blanking/blinding, line breaking, ventilation, barriers and other controls may be needed.

### Rescue without creating more victims

Would-be rescuers entering without training/equipment can become victims.

## STOP / ASK FOR HELP WHEN

- Employee intends to “just stick my head in” an unassessed space
- Atmosphere has not been tested as required
- No attendant/rescue arrangement for a permit entry
- Isolation depends only on a control switch

## OUR SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Identify and label actual confined/permit spaces
- Review permit-space program and prohibited entry rules
- Show monitoring, ventilation, isolation and retrieval equipment
- Explain entrant/attendant/supervisor/rescue roles and emergency contacts