



Occupational Safety and Health

Permit- Required Confined Spaced Entry Training Requirements

[29 CFR 1910.146 (g)]

Any employer with workers who perform **any** confined space duty (as an entrant, attendant, entry supervisor or rescue service) **SHALL** be trained on the understanding, knowledge and skills, necessary for the safe performance of the duties that they are assigned.

Training **MUST** occur:

- before the employee is first assigned their duties.
- before there is a change in assigned duties.
- whenever there is a change in permit space operations that presents a hazard about which an employee has not previously been trained.
- whenever the employer has reason to believe that there are deviations from the required procedures, or if there are inadequacies in the employee's knowledge.

The training **SHALL**:

- establish employee proficiency in their required duties.
- introduce new or revised procedures, as necessary.
- be certified by the employer that the required training has been accomplished.

Other Training Requirements

The employer **SHALL** ensure that entrants, attendants and entry supervisors know:

- the hazards faced during an entry, including information on the mode, signs or symptoms, behavioral effects and consequences of the exposure.
- how to properly use the equipment.

An employer whose employees have been designated to provide permit space rescue and emergency services **SHALL**:

- provide the affected employees the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and train the employees so that they are proficient in use of the PPE, at no cost to them.
- train affected employees to perform assigned rescue duties.
- train affected employees in basic first-aid and CPR.
- ensure that affected employees practice making permit space rescues at least once every 12 months, by means of simulated rescue operations.

A **Confined Space** is a space that is:

- 1) Large enough and shaped so that an employee can enter and perform work; and
- 2) Has limited or restricted means of entry or exit; and
- 3) Is **NOT** designed for continuous human occupancy.

A **Permit-Required Confined Space** is a space that meets the above definition of a confined space; and has one or more of the following:

- a) contains or **has the potential** to contain a hazardous atmosphere;
- b) contains a material that has the potential to engulf the entrant;
- c) is configured that an entrant could become trapped or asphyxiated;
- d) contains any other recognized safety or health hazard.

For more information on Occupational Safety and Health issues, please visit our website:
www.csealocal1000.org/osh.php

