

Confined spaces

About 5 minutes · Read it out, then ask the questions at the end.

Why it matters. Confined spaces such as chambers, tanks, manholes and voids can contain toxic gas or too little oxygen. Many deaths are would-be rescuers.

The hazards

- Lack of oxygen
- Toxic or flammable gas
- Flooding or flowing materials
- Difficult access and rescue

Stay safe

- Avoid entry if the work can be done from outside
- Only trained people may enter, under a safe system of work and permit
- Test the atmosphere before and during entry
- Have a rescue plan and equipment in place before entry
- Keep someone outside in contact at all times
- Never go in to rescue someone without the right equipment and training

Ask the team

1. Are there any confined spaces on this site?
2. What must be in place before anyone enters?
3. What would you do if someone collapsed inside?

The law and guidance

Confined Spaces Regulations 1997. HSE INDG258, Confined spaces: a brief guide to working safely.

General guidance to help you give a toolbox talk. It doesn't replace your site's risk assessments, method statements, permits or training. Check it against your own site rules before you give it.

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By signing, I confirm I attended this toolbox talk and understood it.

Name (print)	Company	Signature	Time

Keep this record with your site's training and briefing records.