Confined Space Entry...

A Team Approach To Safe Confined Space Entry



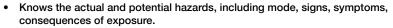
Key Duties of Entrant(s)

- Knows the actual and potential hazards, including signs, symptoms and consequences of exposure.
- · Knows how to properly use all required equipment.
- · Stays in communication with Attendant.
- Alerts the Attendant of any warning signs or dangerous situations.
- Exits space immediately if:
 - o Order given to evacuate.
 - o Recognizes signs or symptoms.
 - o Detects a prohibited condition.
 - Evacuation alarm is activated.

Key Duties of Attendant

- Knows the actual and potential hazards, including signs, symptoms and consequences of exposure.
- Aware of possible behavioral effects of hazard exposure to entrants.
- Maintains accurate count of entrants.
- Remains outside space until relieved by another attendant.
- · Maintains communication with entrants.
- · Monitors activities inside and outside of space.
- Warns unauthorized persons to stay away and reports as needed.
- · Orders entrants to evacuate as needed.
- Summons rescue service, as needed.
- Performs non-entry rescue as per policy.
- Performs no tasks that may interfere with primary duty!

Key Duties of Entry Supervisor



- Verifies that written permit is complete, all tests performed, and all procedures and equipment are in place prior to signing the permit and allowing entry to begin.
- Verifies that rescue service is available and that means of summoning is operable.
- Removes unauthorized individuals who enter or attempt to enter the space.
- Ensures that entry operations and acceptable conditions remain consistent with terms of the permit when responsibility for the entry is transferred and at predetermined intervals based on the hazard and operations performed within the space.
- Terminates entry and cancels permit when:
 - o Entry operations covered by the entry permit have been completed; or
 - o Condition arises in or near the space that is not allowed under the entry permit.
- Note: Any problem(s) encountered during entry shall be noted on the permit so that appropriate permit program revisions can be made by employer.

This complimentary resource is paraphrased from OSHA 1910.146 concerning the duties of confined space entrants, attendants and entry supervisors. It is important to review all applicable regulations in their entirety.

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