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Safety Tip of the Week

Confined Spaces in Construction

Confined spaces can present conditions that are immediately dangerous to workers if not properly identified, evaluated, tested, and controlled.

OSHA has developed a new construction standard for Confined Spaces (29 CFR 1926 Subpart AA)

Safe Entry Requirements:

The new Confined Spaces standard includes several requirements for safe entry.

Preparation: Before workers can enter a confined space, employers must provide pre-entry planning.

This includes:

- Having a competent person evaluate the work site for the presence of confined spaces, including permit-required confined spaces;
- Once the space is classified as a permit-required confined space, identifying the means of entry and exit, proper ventilation methods, and elimination or control of all potential hazards in the space;
- Ensuring that the air in a confined space is tested, before workers enter, for oxygen levels, flammable and toxic substances, and stratified atmospheres;
- If a permit is required for the space, removing or controlling hazards in the space and determining rescue procedures and necessary equipment; and
- If the air in a space is not safe for workers, ventilating or using whatever controls or protections are necessary so that employees can safely work in the space.



Safety is a frame of mind...so concentrate on it...all the time!!