



CONFINED SPACE

A **confined space** is a place which is substantially **enclosed** (though not always entirely), and where serious injury can occur from hazardous substances or conditions within the **space** or nearby (e.g. lack of oxygen).

A space is deemed confined if any of the three of the following are present:

- Substantially enclosed (not always entirely) but large enough to enter and perform work
- Not designed for continuous occupancy
- Limited access and egress

If a space is confined, the space must have a “confined space entry checklist” form completed and posted at the entrance and the safety department should be notified.

A permitted confined space will have one of the following:

- Contain a Hazardous Atmosphere.
- Material that could cause Entrapment, Engulfment, Suffocation.
- Has an internal configuration such that an entrant could be trapped or asphyxiated by inwardly covering wall or by a floor which slopes downward and taper to a smaller cross-section.
- Contains any other recognized serious safety or health hazards
- The entrant introduces a hazard into the space.

Examples of a Confined Space

