



# SAFETY TAILGATE MEETING

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## CONFINED SPACE SAFETY

### INTRODUCTION

Confined Spaces can be deadly spaces. No one is to enter, attend to, or supervise a confined space until they have been trained in their duties. This tailgate safety meeting is a reminder of the dangers and the importance of following OSHA's confined space safety procedures.

We will discuss three things:

**(1) WHAT A CONFINED SPACE IS & WHEN IT IS "PERMIT REQUIRED"**

**(2) CONFINED SPACE DANGERS**

**(3) SPACE REMINDERS**

### WHAT A CONFINED SPACE IS & WHEN IT IS "PERMIT REQUIRED"

OSHA defines a confined space as meeting three criteria:

1. It has limited means of entry and/or exit.
2. It is large enough for a worker to enter into it.
3. It is not intended for regular/continuous occupancy.

A confined space is classified as "Permit Required" if it has one or more of the following characteristics:

- Contains or has the potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere.
- Has material that has the potential to engulf, trap or asphyxiate an entrant.
- Contains any other recognized safety and health hazard (example: live electrical, sewer, etc.)

Question: What are some examples of confined spaces?

(Some examples: Wells, pits, manholes, attics, tanks)

# CONFINED SPACE DANGERS

Confined Spaces can be deadly. Dangers include:

- Exposure to carbon monoxide
- High or low oxygen levels
- Exposure to hydrogen sulfide
- Flammables and combustibles
- Walls that cave in, being trapped

What other hazards can you think of?

Note: Exposure to the dangers can cause dizziness, confusion, lead to loss of consciousness and even death.

## SAFETY REMINDERS

- **IDENTIFY:** All confined spaces, including those that are permit required, must be determined by a competent person.
- **TRAIN:** The authorized supervisor, attendants, entrants, and rescue personnel must be adequately trained to perform the work. Each must clearly understand their duties and perform them safely.
- **DOCUMENT:** When a confined space is permit required, an internal company program and permit is required to be on site and filled out. All confined spaces must be made safe before and during entry.
- **RESCUE:** A rescue plan must be in place for all permit required confined spaces. Never enter a confined space for rescue unless trained and designated by your employer to do so.
- **Equipment:** Typical equipment used includes air monitor, rescue equipment, barricades, air blower, all needed PPE.

**Group discussion:** What confined spaces do we encounter? Are they permit required? What rescue equipment do we usually use? Who do we have that is trained as an entry supervisor, attendant, or entrants?

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## CONDUCTOR SIGNATURE

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