

Confined Spaces: Rescue and Emergency Services

Instructions: This checklist is intended to help you identify potential hazards in your workplace. The questions are based on applicable Federal OSHA standards. Keep in mind that additional state and local regulations may apply, depending upon your location. Please check one answer for each question. If you select “no,” you should investigate further to determine what corrective action may be needed to address the hazard. You can review the specific OSHA Standards outlined below at www.osha.gov/law-regs.html. Choose “General Industry” or “Construction.”

| | Questions | OSHA Regulation | Yes | No | N/A |
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| 1) | Are all rescue personnel briefed to inform them of hazards they may confront while performing a rescue from confined space? | 1910.146(k)(1)(iv) | | | |
| 2) | Do all members of rescue services practice making rescues of dummies or actual persons from actual permit spaces at least every 12 months? | 1910.146(k)(2)(iv) | | | |
| 3) | Does the employer ensure that each member of the rescue service is provided with, and trained to use properly, the personal protective equipment and rescue equipment necessary for making rescues from permit spaces? | 1910.146(k)(2)(i) | | | |
| 4) | Has each member of the rescue service been trained to perform the assigned rescue duties and trained as an authorized entrant? | 1910.146(k)(2)(ii) | | | |
| 5) | Are affected employees trained in basic first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) with at least one member of the rescue service holding a current certification in first-aid and CPR? | 1910.146(k)(4) | | | |
| 6) | Is each authorized entrant required to wear a full body harness with a retrieval line attached at the center of the back near shoulder level or above the entrant’s head? | 1910.146(k)(3)(i) | | | |
| 7) | If an injured entrant is exposed to a substance for which a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) or other similar written information is required to be kept at the worksite, is the SDS made available to the medical facility treating the exposed entrant? | 1910.146(k)(3)(i) | | | |

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