

SAFETY *GUIDE*



Environmental Health & Safety

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CONFINED SPACES PLAN YOUR WORK / WORK YOUR PLAN!



Confined spaces come in many shapes, sizes and configurations. Often, they are easy to spot; sometimes they aren't. Confined Spaces are typically big enough for people to enter, challenging to access and exit, and definitely not intended for people to routinely occupy. These areas clearly involve dangers that can be expected to cause problems for anyone trying to work within these spaces, such as atmospheric or chemical exposures, fall hazards, moving machinery, or electrical systems.

Stony Brook Supervisors must be knowledgeable of their areas and take a thorough look at all workspaces to determine if they are a potential confined space. Before work inside these potentially dangerous areas is authorized for an employee or contractor, a detailed Confined Space Assessment Permit must be completed. The Supervisor will initiate the permit and the Fire Marshals will assist. Supervisors must be present at the site to initiate the Confined Space Assessment Permit.

Confined Space work cannot be conducted alone; it is a team approach. Please take your time, follow the procedures and ensure that all of your employees are properly trained.

The following training must be conducted prior to confine space entry:

- Confined Space Awareness Training
- Supervisor Confined Space Entry Training
- Confined Space Attendant Training
- Confined Space Entrant Training.

Contact EH&S (2-6410) to schedule your Confined Space training or visit our website.

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