



Confined Space Shipyard Competent Person – 8-Hour Course Outline



Prerequisites: This course shall have no formal pre-requisite.

Course Length: 8 hours – Course length shall vary depending on the number of delegates. Total course time includes breaks and meals.

Class Size: The maximum number of delegates that may be trained and tested per instructor shall be thirty-five (35) in the classroom session and twenty (20) in the practical session. A second instructor shall be added for the practical session once the participation exceeds twenty (20) and exercises will be divided into groups.

Course Objective

- Provide delegates assigned to confined space duties the necessary skills to safely perform their jobs.
- Identify the characteristics of a confined space.
- Describe the basic hazard categories associated with confined space.
- Determine the elements of a confined space program.
- Identify and describe the primary roles of authorized entrants, attendants, supervisor, and designated rescue team/services.
- Rescue team requirements
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Ability to properly use rescue equipment.
- Ability to use retrieval systems.
- Ability to perform a rescue.
- Delegates should be able to demonstrate the necessary skills during practical examination and demonstrate knowledge during written examination.

Course Design

- Power Point© / Lecture / Audio Video / Visual Aids
- Demonstrations
- Practical Exercises

Successful Course Completion

- Requires a minimum score of 75% or better.
- Grades shall be calculated by dividing the number of questions answered correctly by the total number of exam questions.
- Delegates will have no more than thirty (30) minutes to complete the exam.
- Successful completion of practical session is mandatory.

Course Content Summary:



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- Classroom
- Practicals

Breaks: 10 minutes (approximately every hour)

Lunch – 1 Hour

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About Confined Spaces

- OSHA/NIOSH Statistics
- Definitions
- Confined and Enclosed Spaces
- What is a Permit Required Confined Space?
- Common Examples of a Confined Space

Training Requirements

Responsibilities of Personnel

- Certified Marine Chemist
- Certified Industrial Hygienist
- Coast Guard Authorized Person
- Shipyard Competent Person
- Competent Persons
 - Entrant
 - Attendant
 - Rescue
 - Entry Supervisor
- Roles and Responsibilities of Personnel

Confined Space Entry

- Entry Requirements
- Entry Employer Requirements
- Entry Permit Requirements/Completion
- What Constitutes Entry?
- Hazard Evaluation
- Pre-Job Safety Planning
- Entry Permit Close Out
 - Routine
 - Emergency



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- Warning Signs and Labels
 - “Not Safe for Workers”
 - “Safe for Hot Work”
 - “Safe for Workers”
 - “Not Safe for Hot Work”
 - “Enter with Restrictions”
- Confined Space Hazards
 - Atmospheric
 - Physical

Atmospheric Hazards

- Oxygen Levels
 - Asphyxiation
- Effects of Oxygen Deficiency
- Breathing Air Composition
- What Causes Oxygen Deficiency Atmosphere?
- What Causes Oxygen Enriched Atmosphere?
- Other Hazards
- Toxic Contaminants
- How much is Hazardous?
 - Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL)
 - Threshold Limit Value (TLV)
 - Time Weighted Average (TWA)
 - Short Term Exposure Limit (STEL)
 - Exposure Ceiling
- Common Hazardous Gases Found in Confined Spaces
- Acute/Chronic Symptoms
- Flammability
 - Explosions
 - Explosion Mixture
 - Flash Point
 - Upper Explosive Limit (UEL)
 - Lower Explosive Limit (LEL)
- LEL Requirements (OSHA)
- UEL/LEL Examples
- Causes of Flammable Atmospheres
- Fire Ignition
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS)



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- Components of SDS
- Sections of SDS

Atmospheric Hazard Protection

- Control Measures
 - Engineering Controls
 - Administrative Controls
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Types of Respirators
 - Air Purifying Respirator (APR)
 - Supplied Air Respirator (SAR)
 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
 - Atmospheric Supplied
 - Cascade Systems
 - Escape Packs
- Respirator Fit Testing
 - Quantitative
 - Qualitative
- Respirator Usage
- Respirator Inspection
- Respirator Maintenance
- Respirator Donning/Doffing
- Respirator Storage
- Atmosphere Testing
 - Testing the Atmosphere
 - Maintenance of Safe Conditions
- Air Monitors
 - Different Types
 - Function
 - Advantages/Disadvantages of Each Type
 - User Responsibility
- Air Sampling in a Confined Space
 - Stratification

Inert Atmosphere

Hot Work Operations

- Hot Work Requiring Testing
- Potential Hazards
- Requirements and Example Solutions



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Fire Prevention Requirements

- Potential Hazards
- Requirements and Example Solutions

Fall Hazards

- Potential Hazards
- Requirements and Example Solutions
- Fall Protection for Scaffold Work

Physical Hazards

- Common Physical Hazards
 - Engulfment
 - Entrapment/Entanglement
 - Potential Energy
 - Electrical
 - Pressure
 - Momentum/Gravity
 - Residual/Stored
- Protective Measures for Each Hazard

Worker Introduced Hazards

- Common Examples
- External Hazards

Confined Space Safety

- Isolating the Space
- Clearing the Space
- Ventilation
- Types of Ventilation
 - Natural
 - Mechanical Supply
 - Mechanical Exhausting
- Ventilation Factors
- Supply Ventilation Directions
- Exhaust Ventilation Directions
- Proper Ventilation Techniques

About Rescue

- Employer Responsibilities
- Rescue Personnel Requirements



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- Outside Rescue Team Requirements

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Hazard Recognition
 - Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
 - North American Emergency Response Guidebook (NAERG)
 - Entry Hazard Assessment
- Common Types of PPE
 - Eye and Face Protection
 - Respiratory Protection
 - Chemical Clothing
 - Head Protection
 - Hand Protection
 - Hearing Protection
 - Foot Protection

Confined Space Rescue

- Types of Rescues
 - Self-Rescue
 - External Rescue
- Rescue Pole/Remote Hooks
- Retrieval Systems
- Self-Retracting Lanyards
- Personnel Hoists
- Evacuation Harnesses
- Retrieval Line Attachment Points
- Wristlets Retrieval System
- Stretcher/Immobilization Equipment
 - SKED's

Practical Session

Practical training shall utilize a confined space simulator and other safety equipment.

Practical shall verify that the delegate is able to complete the following:

- Select and wear appropriate PPE during practical training
- Conduct proper pre-use inspection of PPE and equipment
- Communicate effectively amongst Entrant, Attendant, & Rescue Team
- Monitor and control air quality effectively
- Perform work in a confined space environment safely
- Secure life lines properly



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- Use Tri-Pod/Winch and other rescue equipment correctly
- Perform a rescue safely
- Store equipment and PPE properly

Training Center Provided Material

- PPE
- Confined Space Equipment

Delegate Requirements

- Must possess good physical health as the practical training is physically demanding.

Reference Material / Documents

OSHA 29 CFR 1915 Subpart B