



Need to Know- Confined Spaces- General Industry



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Remember....

- Unauthorized employees must not enter the permit spaces
- Before entry, test the atmosphere with calibrated direct-reading instrument for the following conditions (in this order):
 - Oxygen content
 - Flammable gases & vapors
 - Potential toxic air contaminants
- If continuous monitoring is not used, periodic monitoring is required with sufficient frequency to ensure acceptable entry conditions are maintained during the entry operations
- Before entry each entry the employer must:
 - Prepare an entry permit
 - Have the Entry Supervisor sign the entry permit to authorize entry
 - Make completed permits available to all entrants or their representatives
 - Post signage at the entry portal (other use other equally effective means) to communicate that the space is a permit-required confined space
- Follow permit procedures for entries
- Ensure that there is at least one authorized attendant present at all times during entry
- Implement an effective rescue plan