

# CONFINED SPACES SAFETY CHECKLIST

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Essential Steps for Safe Working in Confined Spaces on Construction Sites

## 1. Identify Hazards of Working in Confined Spaces

- Hazards from gases (e.g., toxic, flammable, oxygen deficiency)
- Hazards from water ingress or flooding
- Hazards from fire or explosion
- Hazards from soil types and conditions (e.g., collapse risk)
- Hazards from installation of materials and plant
- Hazards from operation of plant and equipment

## 2. Select and Use Appropriate Protective Clothing/Equipment

- Identify PPE required for identified hazards (e.g., respirators, harnesses, gas monitors)
- Demonstrate correct fitting and use of PPE
- Check PPE condition before entry

## 3. Train Unskilled Workers on Confined Space Dangers

- Prepare or secure training program on hazards and precautions
- Train workers on recognising dangers and required actions
- Confirm understanding of safe entry and work procedures

## 4. Plan and Implement Emergency Procedures

- Identify rescue resources (equipment, trained personnel, first aid)
- Prepare emergency action plan (evacuation routes, communication, rescue steps)
- Brief team on emergency plan and roles
- Test emergency equipment (e.g., tripods, winches)

## 5. Comply with Occupational Health and Safety Regulations

- Explain requirements of OHS Act (No 85 of 1993) for confined spaces
- Apply legislative measures (permits, monitoring, ventilation)
- Obtain confined space entry permit before work starts

## Essential Confined Space Equipment (Minimum)

- Gas detector/monitor
- Full body harness & lifeline
- Respiratory protection (if required)
- Ventilation equipment
- Communication devices & rescue tripod/winch

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