

Practical Exercise and Assessment

Enter to Work and Respond to an Emergency Situation in Confined Spaces

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This exercise aims to access individuals to work safely and competently in or on confined spaces and to respond to emergencies that may arise whilst working in a confined space.

All States and Territories reference the Australian Standard AS 2865 –Confined Spaces.

Example: Obligations under QLD. Workplace Health & Safety Regulation [2008] - Part 18

In regulating work in confined spaces, the QLD regulation gives legislative effect, so far as is possible under the WHS Act, to AS 2865- Confined Spaces

Key Obligations - AS 2865: Safe Working in a Confined Space

- ⇒ All persons involved with confined spaces shall be trained, assessed as competent and instructed on the nature of the hazards and the precautions to be followed.
- ⇒ Reassessment shall be done at intervals appropriate to maintain competency and skills

Where the word “**shall**” is used, the instruction or requirement is **MANDATORY**

No person shall enter a Confined space unless

- ⇒ Risk assessment completed
- ⇒ Written authority completed
- ⇒ Written authority includes all controls for safe work in confined space
- ⇒ Record of their presence in the space is maintained

Training shall include at least

- ⇒ Hazards of a confined space
- ⇒ Assessment procedures
- ⇒ Control measures
- ⇒ Emergency measures
- ⇒ Selection, use and maintenance of safety equipment
- ⇒ Legislative requirements

Persons shall be trained and assessed as competent to carry out their activities where they

- ⇒ Perform work in confined spaces
- ⇒ Perform confined space assessments
- ⇒ Design and lay out the workplace
- ⇒ Manage/direct control work in confined spaces
- ⇒ Maintain equipment used in confined spaces
- ⇒ Are on stand-by
- ⇒ Involved in emergency response and first aid procedures

Appropriate emergency response and first aid procedures and provisions shall be planned, established and rehearsed

Vocational Outcome:

At the successful completion of this exercise an A4 sized Certificate of Competence and personalized ID card will be issued which will indicate:

- ⇒ our company & RTO name
- ⇒ trainee name
- ⇒ the exercise name and type
- ⇒ Participation date

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The program is divided as follows:

Review the risk assessment skills

- ⇒ Conduct a risk assessment at a confined space or a suitable simulated confined space
 - Hazard Identification
 - Assessment of risk
 - Controls

Plan and prepare

- ⇒ Review work instructions, including plans, specifications and operational details relevant to the tasks.
- ⇒ Safety requirements and organisational policies and procedures, and how they apply to the allotted task.
- ⇒ Authorisation (entry permit) to enter the confined space in accordance with regulatory requirements
- ⇒ Preparation of Emergency response procedure and role of the stand-by person
- ⇒ Identification of signage and barrier requirements and the implementation.
- ⇒ Selection of tools and equipment to carry out tasks that are consistent with the requirements of the job,
- ⇒ Checking for serviceability and rectifying or reporting any faults.
- ⇒ Environmental protection requirements.
- ⇒ Rescue equipment as required by the entry permit, testing and positioning it close to the point of entry.

Enter and work in the confined space

- ⇒ Process of gaining access.
- ⇒ Confined space is entered according to agreed procedure.
- ⇒ Atmosphere is tested and monitored for harmful elements in accordance with organisations procedures.
- ⇒ Communication with the stand-by person.
- ⇒ Designated work in confined space complies with entry permit requirements.
- ⇒ Allocated entry time is monitored and adhered to.

Emergency Procedures

- ⇒ Stand-By Person and Rescuer Attributes
- ⇒ Rescue Operation
- ⇒ Apply CPR

Breathing Protection (Where applicable)

- ⇒ Selection, Inspection, Use and Care for work & rescue

Exit Confined Space

Confined space is exited according to agreed procedure. Tools, equipment and materials are recovered from the confined space. Access cover is replaced or closed as required. Tagging and lock-out procedures are applied as required. Confined space entry log is completed.

Clean up

Work area is cleared and materials disposed of or recycled in accordance with project environmental management plan.

Tools and equipment are cleaned, checked, maintained and stored in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations and standard work practices. Barriers and signs are removed, cleaned and stored.

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