



Minimum Standard for Confined Space Activities

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Purpose:	To inform people of the minimum safety standards that must be met before, during and after confined space activities at Vessel Works.
Definitions:	<p><i>Confined space:</i> is an enclosed or partially enclosed space and is not intended or designed primarily for human occupancy and may present a risk from one or more of the following at any time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unsafe concentration of harmful airborne contaminants • unsafe concentration of flammable substances • unsafe levels of oxygen • substances that can cause engulfment.
Minimum Standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity must be completed in accordance with best practice guidelines referenced below; • Activity must be logged on the worksite hazard board, detail must include location, number of people and date. • All workers must check in and out of the worksite. • Risk assessment must be carried out before beginning work, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consideration of surrounding area and work activities ○ Consideration of oxygen deficiency, toxic atmospheres, flammable or explosive atmospheres, engulfment, moving parts, extreme temperatures ○ Appropriate worker protection (i.e. gas monitor/mask) ○ Ventilation ○ Spotter/ work buddy/safety watch • Emergency scenarios/responses must be prepared for and processes must be relevant to the level of risk. • Equipment being used must be fit for purpose and recently serviced/certified (where applicable). • Activity must be carried out by a competent entry person and a competent safety watch. • The safety watch may not leave the immediate area/entry of the confined space while a person is in the confined space. • Appropriate forms of communication must be agreed between the entry person and the safety watch. • If work in which a person breathes compressed air, or a respiratory medium other than air (not diving), WorkSafe must be notified via the Particular Hazardous Work Notification at least 24 hours prior to carrying out the work.
Further Information/ Reference:	<p>www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/planning-entry-and-working-safely-in-a-confined-space</p> <p>AS 2865: Confined spaces</p>
Competency:	<p><i>Competent person:</i> is someone that has the appropriate knowledge and skills to carry out a particular task. This may be acquired through training, qualification, experience, or a combination of these. If the person carrying out the work is not deemed competent they must be closely supervised by a competent person.</p>