



**CONFINED  
SPACE  
ENTRY  
TRAINING**



**SELF-TEST**

# ASK YOURSELF...

- ★ What is a confined space?
- ★ What is difference between permitted and non-permitted confined spaces?
- ★ List 3 examples of permitted confined spaces.
- ★ When do I need PPE?
- ★ When should I test the atmosphere?
- ★ What is the safe oxygen level?

# COURSE OBJECTIVES

- ✦ Help you understand the criteria of a confined space
- ✦ Motivate you to evaluate your workplace and written programs
- ✦ Implement changes where necessary

# COURSE GOAL

- ✦ Prevent personal injuries/fatalities relating to a confined space entry



# **COURSE WILL ADDRESS...**

- ✦ Definitions of terms, with examples
- ✦ The basic entry procedure
- ✦ The components of a written program



**TERMS  
AND  
DEFINITIONS**

# 1. CONFINED SPACE:

- ✦ Is large enough to enter into and work
- ✦ Has a limited means of entry/exit
- ✦ Is NOT designed for continuous periods of occupancy





# CLASSES OF CONFINED SPACE

- ★ **Class A** – *IDLH* atmosphere. May contain oxygen deficiency, explosive or flammable atmospheres, and /or concentrations of toxic substances.

# CLASSES OF CONFINED SPACES cont'd

- ★ **Class B** – space has potential for causing injury if proper safety steps are not followed

# CLASSES OF CONFINED SPACES cont'd

- ★ **Class C** – space has potential hazards, but would not require any special modification of the work procedures.

# TYPES OF CONFINED SPACE...

## ★ Non-Permitted

- ★ ... does **NOT** contain physical, chemical or atmospheric hazards capable of causing death or serious physical harm

## ★ Permitted

- ★ ... **DOES** contain physical, chemical or atmospheric hazards capable of causing death or serious physical harm

# NOTE:

- ✦ The classification of ANY confined space SHALL be determined ONLY BY Trained AND Authorized persons



**EXAMPLES**

# EXAMPLES OF CONFINED SPACES:

- ☀ Tanks, vessels, silos, storage bins, hoppers, vaults, pump stations, scale pits, crawl spaces, tunnels...

# BOILER TANKS...





# PIPE CHASES...



# CRAWL SPACES...





# MANHOLES...





# PITS...





**TERMS  
AND  
DEFINITIONS, CONT'D**

## 2. ENGULFMENT

- ★ A liquid or a “*flowable*” solid like sand or grain that can surround and bury, smother, strangle, or crush a person.

# ENGULFMENT cont'd

- ✦ Trenches deeper than 4ft
  - ✦ Engulfment hazard: cave-in
  - ✦ Preventive measure: shoring & evacuation route

# 3. IDLH

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## ★ *Immediately **D**angerous to **L**ife and **H**ealth*

- ★ Poses an immediate or delayed threat to life, **OR**...
- ★ Causes irreversible adverse health effects, **OR**...
- ★ Interferes with ability to escape unaided from a permit space



### 3. IDLH, cont'd

- ✦ May be used to determine need for PPE
  - ✦ MSDS's
  - ✦ List of IDLH values
- ✦ If conditions meet or exceed **IDLH** values, implement PPE

# 4. QUALIFIED PERSON

- ★ Designated by the employer in writing, as ***CAPABLE*** (by education, training, or both) of:

Anticipating, recognizing, and evaluating employee exposure to hazardous substances or other unsafe conditions in a confined space; AND of

Specifying necessary control and/or protective action to ensure employee safety

# 5. ATTENDANT

An observant, competent/experienced person stationed outside of a confined space to assist the entrant



# 6. AUTHORIZED ENTRANT

- ✦ A worker authorized to enter a confined space



# 7. ENTRY SUPERVISOR

- ★ The employee responsible for overseeing the Confined Space entry operations; permit signing; and safety compliance



**PERMITTED  
CONFINED SPACE ENTRY  
PROCEDURE**

# GENERAL CS ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. Conduct an assessment
2. Post signage; Barricade
3. Write the *Permit*
4. Perform pre-entry tests
5. Follow all other safety procedures
  - PPE
  - LO/TO
  - Ventilation

# GENERAL CS ENTRY PROCEDURE, cont'd

- ★ 6. Pre-entry briefing
- ★ 7. Perform entry & work
- ★ 8. Perform continuous atmospheric tests
- ★ 9. Exit the confined space
- ★ 10. Debrief employees/contractors
- ★ 11. Verify completion





**1. CONFINED  
SPACE  
ASSESSMENT**

# ASSESSMENTS MUST INCLUDE:

1. Pre-entry testing and monitoring of/for:
  - Atmospheric conditions
  - Potential hazards in and around the area

# ***POTENTIAL HAZARDS***

- ★ Deficient or enriched oxygen
  - ★ Safe level: 19.5% - 23.5%
- ★ Combustible, flammable, and explosive atmospheres
- ★ Toxic gases and vapors
- ★ Corrosive chemicals or biological agents

# ***POTENTIAL HAZARDS***

## **cont'd**

- ★ Physical hazards—
  - ★ Falling, tripping, moving parts, engulfment, heat extremes, etc...
- ★ Electrical hazards—
  - ★ Shock hazard, static electricity, sparks, etc...
- ★ Rodents, snakes, and insects



# **ASSESSMENTS MUST ALSO INCLUDE:**

2. Written procedures to remove or control hazards including ventilation, LOTO, PPE and communication
3. Written emergency response



**2. POST SIGNAGE  
AND BARRICADE**

# POSTED SIGNAGE

- ★ MUST be in the immediate area
- ★ MUST identify the Confined Space
- ★ Restricts **unauthorized** personnel
  - ★ E.G.: ***“DANGER—PERMIT  
REQUIRED CONFINED SPACE, DO  
NOT ENTER”***

# BARRICADES

- ✦ MUST prevent unwanted access to the work area
- ✦ MUST ensure clear workspace for attendant and emergency rescue (if needed)





**3. WRITE THE PERMIT**

# PERMITS

- ★ Are written authorization and approval specifying the location and type of work
- ★ Certify that all existing hazards have been assessed
- ★ Ensure the safety of each worker
- ★ Specify the date & length of time it applies

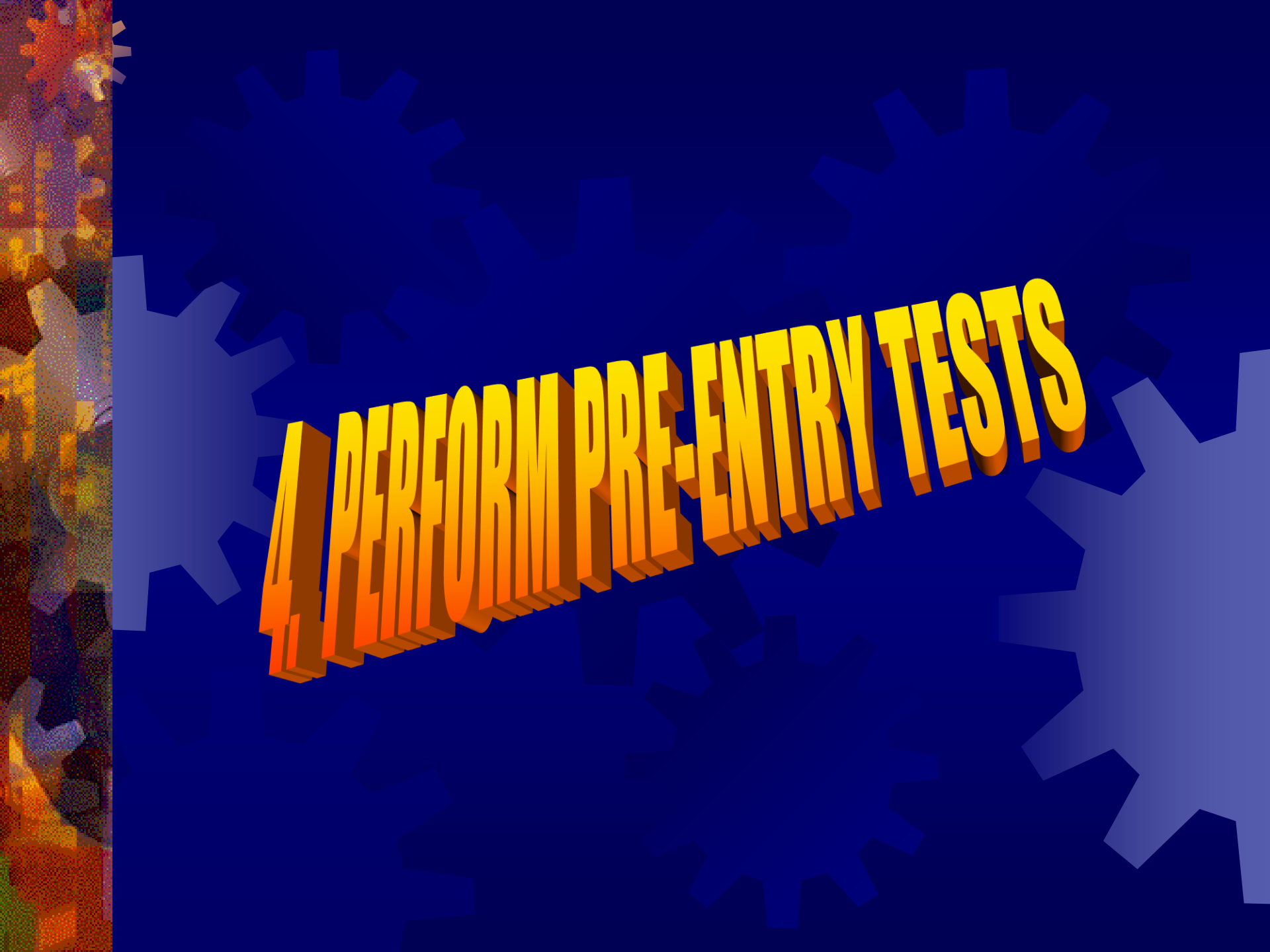
# Confined Space Permit





**NOTE:**

**PERMITS ARE  
ALWAYS POSTED IN  
THE WORKPLACE  
DURING ENTRY**



**4. PERFORM PRE-ENTRY TESTS**

# TESTING STANDARDS

- ✦ Duration—Recommend continuous
- ✦ Sample priority—Oxygen;  
Flammable/combustible chemicals;  
Toxic chemicals

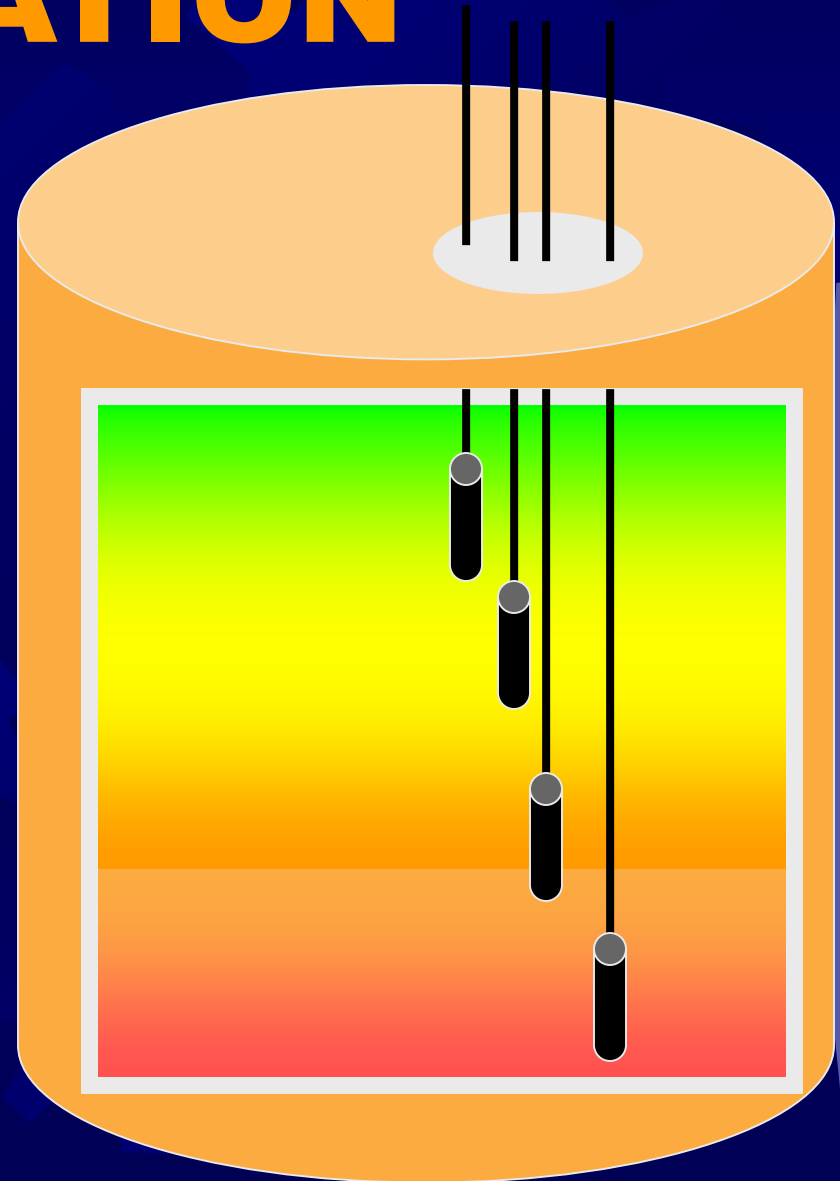
# TESTING METHODS

- ✦ Sample in layers
  - ✦ Every four feet in direction of travel
  - ✦ Different chemicals stratify
  - ✦ Do not get equipment wet!!



# CHEMICAL STRATIFICATION

- \*Chemicals will stratify according to their vapor density
- \*Strata changes with environmental conditions (ex. Temperature and pressure)





**REMEMBER TO  
DOCUMENT ALL  
ATMOSPHERIC  
TESTING RESULTS!!**



**5. TAKE OTHER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

# OTHER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- ✱ PPE
- ✱ Lockout/Tag out
- ✱ Verify emergency response
- ✱ Remove sources of hazardous materials outside of confined space
- ✱ Ventilation

# VENTILATION

## ☀ Exhaust

### ☀ Negative pressure

- Local - for specific sources
- General - for non-specific sources

## ☀ Purging

### ☀ Positive pressure

- Using inert gases in flammable/combustible environment
- Causes need for additional PPE



# 6. PRE-ENTRY BRIEFING

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- ✦ Conduct meeting
- ✦ Include all affected persons
- ✦ Document topics discussed at the briefing.





**7. PERFORM ENTRY  
AND WORK**

# Entry documentation

- ✦ Each entrant should sign an entry log
  - ✦ Posted in immediate area



**Follow work  
procedures and safety  
rules for job task!!!**



**8. PERFORM CONTINUOUS  
MONITORING**



# CONTINUOUS MONITORING

- ★ REMEMBER the mentioned sampling methods!



**9. EXIT THE CONFINED  
SPACE**

# EXITING THE CONFINED SPACE

- ✦ When work is complete, when replacement arrives, or if an alarm sounds
- ✦ In the event of an emergency, utilize emergency rescue
- ✦ Remember to update the entry log!!



# ON-SITE RESCUE

- ✦ Employer determined if on/off-site rescue will be used
- ✦ On-site, usually comprised of in-house personnel—
  - ✦ Motivated team
  - ✦ Extensive training
  - ✦ Practical exercises (min. once/12 months)
  - ✦ Regular reinforcement of training

# OFF-SITE RESCUE

## ★ Assessment necessary

- ★ Determine the practicality of off-site rescue

## ★ If used:

- ★ Close proximity
- ★ Extensive pre-coordination
- ★ Must understand the hazards to be faced
- ★ Must have access to all spaces for pre-planning



# 10. CONDUCT DEBRIEFING

# DEBRIEFING

- ✦ Discuss the success of the work
- ✦ Identify concerns that occurred
- ✦ Verify completion of all documentation
- ✦ Document meeting, if possible



# 11 VERIFYING COMPLETION

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- ★ The entry supervisor should remain for at least 30 minutes after the entry to ensure the security of the site and that no hazards remain (ex. Fires)



**ELEMENTS  
OF A  
WRITTEN PROGRAM**



# PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

- ✦ Identification and location of ALL recognized confined spaces
- ✦ Hazard evaluation procedures
- ✦ Warning procedures
  - ✦ Ex: Signs at entrance

# MORE ELEMENTS...

- ✦ Written procedures for pre-entry and entry
- ✦ Written procedures for permitting



# MORE ELEMENTS...

- ✦ Assignment of responsibilities
  - ✦ Entrant
  - ✦ Attendant
  - ✦ Entry supervisor

# RESPONSIBILITIES



# ENTRANT

- ☀ Know the hazards associated with the space
- ☀ Follow the instructions on the permit
- ☀ Use required equipment properly

# ENTRANT cont'd

- ✦ Continually communicate with attendant
- ✦ Alert the attendant when necessary
- ✦ Exit the space quickly when required

# ATTENDANT

Continued

- ☀ Know the hazards associated with the space
- ☀ Be aware of the effects of hazardous exposures
- ☀ Maintain accountability of entrants

# **ATTENDANT cont'd**

- ✦ **Remain on duty until properly relieved**
- ✦ **Monitor the status of the entrant as appropriate**
- ✦ **Communicate with the entrant as appropriate**



# **ATTENDANT cont'd**

Continued

- ★ **Summon rescue and/or emergency assistance**
- ★ **Monitor activities inside and outside the space**
- ★ **Perform non-entry rescue in accordance with policy**

# **ATTENDANT cont'd**

- ✦ **Perform no duties that interfere with attendant duties**
- ✦ **Order evacuation of the space when dictated**

# **SUPERVISOR**

Continued

- ✦ **Know the hazards associated with the space**
- ✦ **Ensure all entries on the written permit are appropriate**
- ✦ **Ensure all tests, procedures and equipment are used**

# **SUPERVISOR** cont'd

- ✱ **Terminate entry authorization when appropriate**
- ✱ **Verify that rescue services are available**
- ✱ **Verify methods are in place to summon rescue services**

# **SUPERVISOR cont'd**

- ✦ Remove unauthorized individuals attempting entry**
- ✦ Determine when transfer of responsibility takes place**
- ✦ Ensure operations are consistent with the permit**

# **SUPERVISOR cont'd**

- ✦ **Perform non-entry rescue in accordance with policy**
- ✦ **Perform no duties that interfere with supervisor duties**



**EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE**

# Emergency Response

- ✦ Attendant alerts the rescue services
- ✦ Close off the area
- ✦ Get authorized entrants out of the space
- ✦ Perform first aid if needed.
- ✦ Chest or body harnesses are worn by authorized entrant to allow for safe rescue.





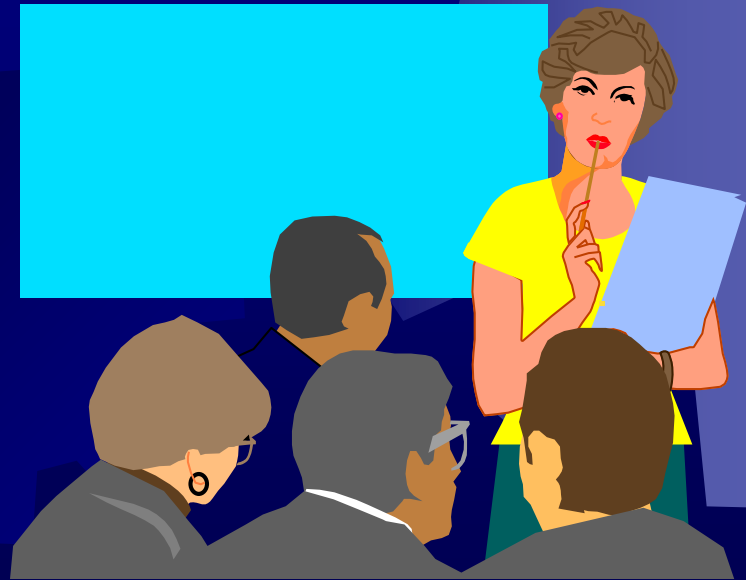
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**EQUIPMENT**

# EXAMPLES...



# CONFINED SPACE TRAINING



# TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

## ★ New employees

- ★ At time of employment, if affected...or...
- ★ When delegated affected responsibility

## ★ Existing employees

- ★ Refresher training
- ★ Rescue drills at least annually

# TRAINING CONTENT

- ☀ All aspects of the written program
- ☀ Emergency procedures
- ☀ Document all training activities

# RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

- ✱ Written program
- ✱ Training records
- ✱ Atmospheric testing records
- ✱ Permitted and non-permitted entries into confined spaces



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# Let's review...

- ✱ What is the safe oxygen level?
- ✱ What are the 2 options for emergency response?
- ✱ Where should the permit be maintained during entry?
- ✱ When should an entrant exit the confined space?



**FOR ADDITIONAL  
ASSISTANCE...**

Call your Loss Prevention  
Representative