



Entry into confined spaces



Entry into confined spaces is dangerous and prohibited unless it is controlled and authorized.

The risks related to confined spaces are for instance limited number of exits, bad breathing air and lack of room. Also exposure to hazardous substances, for example to excess amount of nitrogen, and fire and explosion are seen as risks of confined spaces. These risks have to be taken seriously.

Lack of oxygen and polluted air are not easy to detect. It may be difficult to get out due to the limited number of exits.

It is important to recognize what kind of space are considered as confined to be aware of the risks related to working in these spaces.

Never enter a confined space without a written permit and defined manhole guard. Make sure that the space you are about to enter is appropriately separated from the process. All sources of energy, chemicals and other hazardous substances have to be excluded. Always remember to use sufficient personal protective equipment and approved tools.

Thank you for your commitment to enter confined spaces safely and to common safety efforts in our area.

Themes for discussion:

- ✓ How can one reduce the risks related to entry into confined spaces with own actions?
- ✓ Why it is important to have a competent and alert manhole guard?
- ✓ How can you improve your behavior related to entry into confined spaces?

