

To safely enter and work inside a confined space, it is important that every worker inside and outside of the space know, understand, and follow their specific roles, duties, and responsibilities. Each person assigned a role during confined space entry must be provided with sufficient training to understand what is required of them and how to use any equipment before any confined space work begins.

Authorized entrant refers to an employee who is authorized by their employer to enter a confined space. Entrants need to have a good understanding of the hazards that they may encounter, how to use all equipment, tools, and devices, the method of communication and the exit and rescue process.

Any authorized entrant must immediately exit the confined space if given an evacuation order by the attendant or entry supervisor. Every authorized entrant has the authority to stop work and request evacuation if an unsafe condition is detected.



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Attendant refers to an individual stationed outside one or more confined spaces who monitors the authorized entrants and performs specific duties assigned in the written permit-required confined space program. The attendant must know what hazards may be faced during entry, who and how many entrants are within the confined space, how to maintain communication with the entrants, how to initiate an emergency evacuation, rescue procedures, and how to use any equipment necessary to maintain continuous airflow.



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Every attendant has the authority and responsibility to stop work and request evacuation if an unsafe condition is detected. The attendant must perform no duties that might interfere with their primary duty to monitor and protect the authorized entrants.

Entry supervisor refers to the person responsible for determining if acceptable entry conditions are present at a confined space, for authorizing entry and overseeing entry operations, and for terminating entry as required.

Rescue service refers to the personnel designated to rescue employees from confined spaces. It is important to have a procedure for obtaining emergency rescue before beginning an entry into a confined space.

When designating a rescue service consider the following:

- Is the rescue team able to reach the victim(s) within a time frame that is appropriate for the confined space hazard(s) identified?
- Does the rescue team have the skills and proficiency, with rescue-related tasks and equipment, to function appropriately while rescuing entrants from the specific confined space or types of confined spaces identified?

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