

# Confined Space

<b>Intended For</b>	Anyone working in or near a confined space.
<b>Class Size</b>	Maximum 16 students
<b>Course Length</b>	Standard one day course (6-8 hours) *If SCBA or SABA required, two days are needed

<b>Course Content</b>	<p><b>The following content is included in the one day course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confined spaces overview, hazard identification and assessments</li> <li>• Ventilation: theory and practice</li> <li>• Permit system: how it works, when it's needed, practice completing CS entry permits</li> <li>• Group exercises: Basic drag and carry exercises and use of harnesses (suspension), monitoring equipment, victim packaging: use of backboard and soft stretcher</li> <li>• Entry and rescue practice</li> <li>• Respond to simulated emergencies, perform on-site rescue</li> <li>• Communications: use of radios and air horn</li> <li>• Care, maintenance, and inspection of safety equipment</li> </ul> <p><b>By the end of the day, all participants will have:</b> Reviewed the hazards of confined spaces, used gas testers on hazardous atmospheres, performed "drag and carry" exercises, worn a harness and have been suspended, operated a hoisting device, and participated in space entry and simulated rescue.</p>
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<b>Certification</b>	Certificate of completion will be issued. Although there is no expiry date, participation in an annual drill is required by WorkSafe BC.
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<b>Applicable Regulation</b>	<p>WorkSafe BC's Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, Part 9: Confined Spaces</p> <p><a href="http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/ConfinedSpaces/RegulationAndGuidelines.asp">http://www2.worksafebc.com/Topics/ConfinedSpaces/RegulationAndGuidelines.asp</a></p>
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Lack of oxygen is the leading cause of death among workers entering confined spaces.

## Attention Health and Safety Managers

### What is a Confined Space?

According to WorkSafe BC, "Confined Space" means an area, other than an underground working area, that is:

- a) enclosed or partially enclosed
- b) is not designed or intended for continuous human occupancy
- c) has limited or restricted means for entry or exit that may complicate the provision of first aid, evacuation, rescue or other emergency response service
- d) is large enough and so configured that a worker could enter to perform assigned work.

The employer is responsible for determining if confined spaces are present in the work place. If this describes an area within your work space, confined space safety training is required by WorkSafe BC.