

CONFINED SPACE ENTRY

Introduction

This chapter provides an overview and general guidelines for confined space entry. Please reference UT Arlington's [Confined Space Entry Manual](#) for specific procedures.

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Types of Confined Spaces

A confined space is any enclosed area with the following characteristics:

- Limited means of entry or exit
- Structure that is not designed for extended human occupation
- Atmosphere that is actually or potentially hazardous
- Potential for other hazards

Because confined spaces offer limited means of entry or exit and may contain hazards, employees must comply with 29 CFR 1910.146 and the UT Arlington Confined Space Entry Program when working in these areas. The [Confined Space Entry Program](#) is available online from the Environmental Health & Safety Office (EH&S).

Most confined spaces are actually or potentially hazardous. These confined spaces require work permits because they have one or more of the following:

- Hazardous atmosphere or the potential to contain hazardous atmosphere
- Materials that could engulf workers
- Internal structure or contents that could trap or asphyxiate employees
- Other recognizable hazards

Examples of confined spaces include the following:

- Manholes
- Crawl spaces
- Tunnels
- Tanks
- Trenches

If you have any questions about confined spaces, contact EH&S at 817-272-2185.