

WHAT IS A Confined Space?

Confined spaces may contain dangers that are invisible, fast-working, continuously changing and difficult to escape. Dangers may include:

- ☞ lack of oxygen.
- ☞ fire or explosion.
- ☞ toxic poisoning.
- ☞ physical hazards such as heat, falls, noise and injury from machinery.

Confined spaces are areas that:

- ☞ have restricted entry or exit.
- ☞ can be hard to get out of.
- ☞ are not designed for human occupancy.

Some examples of confined spaces are:

- ☞ storage tanks and bins.
- ☞ hoppers.
- ☞ vaults.
- ☞ ventilation shafts.
- ☞ silos.
- ☞ sewers.
- ☞ manways.

Even empty, well-cleaned spaces can be risky. Get to know the dangers of confined spaces so that you can work safely.