

CONFINED SPACES IN CONSTRUCTION



Earlier this year, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced its final rule pertaining to confined spaces in construction. The new standard, 29 CFR Part 1926 Subpart AA, goes into effect on August 3, 2015, and includes a number of additional protections for employees, such as requiring that a competent person assess the construction site.

“This rule will save lives of construction workers. Unlike most general industry worksites, construction sites are continually evolving, with the number and characteristics of confined spaces changing as work progresses. This rule emphasizes training, continuous worksite evaluation, and communication requirements to further protect workers’ safety and health.” – Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Dr. David Michaels

Employers must have a competent person available who can identify risk areas or working conditions that present a danger to employees and who has the authority to take prompt corrective measures to resolve any concerns. A competent person has to evaluate each confined space for hazards before any employees can enter the space.

The new standard also requires that employers have access to emergency assistance in the event that a non-entry rescue device, like a tripod and retrieval device, fails. Any emergency assistance provider must have trained employees and the proper equipment for performing a rescue. To assist you with complying with this regulation, RETTEW can provide a fully equipped and capable rescue team in the event of an incident requiring emergency assistance.

To properly educate your employees on the new OSHA Confined Spaces in Construction standard, RETTEW also offers confined space competent person training.

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- 7/15 NSC - Defensive Driving
- 7/17 HAZWOPER, 8-Hr Refresher
- 7/17 NSC - Defensive Driving
- 7/23 Permit-Required Confined Space
- 7/24 First Aid, CPR, BBP, and AED
- 7/20-24 HAZWOPER, 40-Hr
- 7/20 Fire Prevention & Protection - Fire Extinguisher
- 7/21 Personal Protective Equipment
- 7/27 SafeLand - Basic Safety Orientation
- 7/29 NFPA 70E
- 7/29 Ammonia Safety - Aqueous

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CONFINED SPACE TRAINING



Become a certified confined space competent person today!

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