University of Idaho
Confined Space Decision Flow Chart

Does the workplace contain Confined Spaces as defined by the University’s Confined Space Standard (APM 35-75)?

Yes

Consult Confined Space Master List or inform EH& Safety so spaces can be evaluated.

Is the space permit required (Does the space have serious known or potential hazards?)

Yes

Will permit-spaces have to be entered to accomplish job tasks??

Yes

Will outside contractors be entering?

No

Will UI employees be entering?

Yes

Can hazards be eliminated?

Yes

Can the space be maintained in a condition safe to enter by using only continuous ventilation?

Yes

Prepare for entry via permit procedures.

Entry supervisor verifies and signs off that acceptable entry conditions exist and allows entry into space. Use appropriate checklist (Orange)

Can acceptable entry conditions be maintained throughout the entry?

Yes

Entry task completed. Permit returned and cancelled.

No

Evacuate all entrants and notify emergency rescue personnel and entry supervisor immediately.

No

Evaluate entry based on input from entrants, attendants, etc.

No

Consult other applicable safety standards.

No

Prevent unauthorized entry. Do task from outside space.

No

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Yes

Prevent unauthorized entry.

Yes

Inform contractor of location of space, hazards that have been identified, & precautions taken when UI personnel enter the space.

Will both contractors and UI employees enter?

No

Supervisor may choose to re-classify space to non-permit required. Use appropriate checklist (Green)

Yes

Supervisor may choose to enter space using alternative procedures. Use appropriate checklist (Yellow)

No

Evaluate entry based on input from entrants, attendants, etc.

Re-evaluate space before re-entering.

Spaces may have to be evacuated and re-evaluated if hazards arise during entry.