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Introduction

Baylor University understands that requirements exist for practices and procedures to protect employees in general industry from the hazards of entry into confined spaces. The definitions below summarize a confined space:

- “Confined Space” means a space that:
 1. Is large enough and so configured that an employee can bodily enter and perform assigned work;
 2. Has limited or restricted means for entry or exit (for example, tanks, vessels, silos, storage bins, hoppers, vaults, and pits are spaces that may have limited means of entry); and
 3. Is not designed for continuous employee occupancy.
- “Permit-required confined space” will contain all the above, plus one or more of the following:
 1. A substance that can engulf or asphyxiate the entrant.
 2. A potentially hazardous atmosphere.
 3. Inwardly converging walls within the space or a floor that slopes downward, tapering to a small cross-section.

The university utilizes contractors to perform any work that may be required in a confined space.

Scope and Elements of Baylor’s Statement

The university will not have any faculty, staff or students working in a location meeting the definitions described above. All confined spaces located throughout the university are identified and appropriately signed. Work required in confined spaces will be contracted out for completion. The contractor(s) hired by University Facility Services will ensure for confined spaces that all best practices are utilized and work is performed per OSHA standards.

For More Information

Any questions concerning this policy statement are to be directed to the OSHA Manager (254) 710-2492.

