By the Numbers: Confined Space Injuries and Deaths



Permit required confined spaces have long been – and still are – the leading cause of multiple fatalities in the workplace. According to investigations of confined space incidents by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH):

- 60% of confined-space fatalities are would-be rescuers.
- 85% of the time a SUPERVISOR was present.
- 29% of the dead were SUPERVISORS.
- 31% had WRITTEN Confined Space Entry PROCEDURES.
- 0% used the WRITTEN PROCEDURES.
- 15% had Confined Space TRAINING.
- 0% had a RESCUE PLAN.
- 60% of “WOULD-BE” RESCUERS died.
- 95% were AUTHORIZED by supervision.
- 0% of the spaces were TESTED prior to entry.
- 0% were VENTILATED.

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