

Confined Spaces in Construction, codified at 29 CFR 1926

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General Awareness Training for Road Construction and Paving Crews

As defined by OSHA, “a confined space has limited openings for entry or exit, is large enough for entering and working, and is not designed for continuous worker occupancy.” Confined spaces that may be encountered during road construction work include, but are not limited to, underground vaults or pits, manholes, underground utility vaults and pipelines, and in some cases drainage culverts. Working on or in certain pieces of equipment may also constitute entering a confined space.

Road paving and milling crews typically work at grade, while other forms of construction such as drainage work, concrete foundations, pipe jacking & boring, and utility work are below grade.

Workers may not enter any confined space unless authorized and trained. This includes simply breaking the plane of the confined space opening.

There are two different types of confined spaces: permitted and non-permitted. Entering either requires specific training.

Your employer is required to identify potential confined spaces at the worksite. Because road construction worksites are constantly changing, you should assume that any space that meets the above definition is a confined space.

DO NOT ENTER A CONFINED SPACE without the proper authorization and training.

DO NOT ENTER A MANHOLE without the proper authorization and training.

Those thinking they may need to enter a confined space, MUST CONTACT THEIR SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY and wait for further instructions unless they have been properly trained on the standard. **This document is provided for general awareness only and does not constitute appropriate training to enter a confined space.**

OSHA provides additional information on its website: <<https://www.osha.gov/confinedspaces/>>

OSHA’s example of a confined space in construction: <<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3788.pdf>>

This document and the verbal information provided by the individual identified below serves as your general awareness training on OSHA’s Confined Spaces in Construction Standard.

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