Confined space pre-entry discussion prompts

A discussion aid to use with. Never instead of. Your confined space permit and procedure.

Space / location

Date / time

Permit number

Entry supervisor

BEFORE ENTRY

Entry is necessary. The task cannot reasonably be done from outside	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
All inlets are isolated (product, steam, inert gas, electrical, mechanical)	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
The atmosphere has been tested with a calibrated instrument, in the correct order and at different levels	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Continuous monitoring is arranged for the duration of the work	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Ventilation is in place where required	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

PEOPLE AND RESCUE

A trained attendant will remain outside throughout the entry	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Communication between entrant and attendant is agreed and tested	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
The rescue plan does not rely solely on the emergency services	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Rescue equipment is at the entrance and the rescue team is available	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Everyone knows: no one enters to attempt rescue without protection	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

ATMOSPHERIC TEST READINGS (TIME / O_2 / FLAMMABLE / TOXIC)

CONFIRMATION

Entrants

Attendant

General discussion aid, not a risk assessment, permit or procedure. Adapt to your site’s hazards, legal requirements and competent advice.