

Confined Space Decision-Flow Worksheet

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This is a field tool that supports online theory training. It does not authorize entry. Permit-space entry requires your employer's written program, atmospheric testing, and trained, evaluated personnel.

Decision Flow: What Am I Looking At?

1. **Is it a confined space?** Large enough to enter and work, limited entry or exit, and NOT designed for continuous occupancy. If no, this flow does not apply.
2. **Does it have a hazard?** Hazardous atmosphere (or potential), engulfment, entrapment/configuration, or any other serious safety hazard?
3. **If yes to a hazard, it is PERMIT-REQUIRED.** Do not enter on knowledge alone. Follow your employer's written permit program.

When in doubt, treat it as permit-required. Reclassifying a permit space to non-permit is a formal process that requires eliminating the hazards, not just testing once.

Permit-Required: Minimum Before Anyone Enters

☐ Written permit completed and signed by the entry supervisor	☐ Atmosphere tested in order (O2, flammable, toxic) and acceptable
☐ Continuous monitoring in place	☐ Isolation, LOTO, and ventilation done
☐ Attendant posted outside	☐ Rescue confirmed and standing by

This worksheet supports training and decision-making. It does not replace your site-specific permit program.