

Confined Space Rescue Plan Checklist

Confirm rescue before entry, not during.

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.

Before Entry: Rescue Readiness Checklist

☐ Rescue method chosen: non-entry (retrieval) preferred
☐ Retrieval line and full-body harness on each entrant (unless it increases risk)
☐ Mechanical retrieval device set for vertical entries over 5 feet
☐ Rescue service confirmed available and able to respond in time for the hazards
☐ Rescue team has been told the space, hazards, and access route
☐ Means to summon rescue is at the attendant's station and tested
☐ First aid / AED available; SCBA or supplied air if needed
☐ If relying on 911, the service has agreed in advance and can perform confined-space rescue

"Just call 911" is not a rescue plan unless that service has agreed in advance, knows your space, is equipped for confined-space rescue, and can arrive in time. Confirm it before entry, not during an emergency.

If Something Goes Wrong

1. Attendant orders evacuation and starts retrieval from OUTSIDE.
2. Attendant summons the rescue service. Does not enter.
3. Account for everyone. Give responders the permit and atmospheric readings.