

Confined Space Roles Quick-Card

Entrant. Attendant. Entry Supervisor. Rescue.

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.

The Four Roles. Know Yours Before You Step In.

Role	Core duties
Entrant	Knows the hazards. Uses required PPE and equipment. Stays in constant contact with the attendant. Exits immediately on any alarm, order to evacuate, warning sign, or if something feels wrong.
Attendant	Stays outside the whole time. Monitors entrants and conditions. Keeps an accurate count. Orders evacuation when needed. Summons rescue. NEVER enters the space, even to help.
Entry Supervisor	Verifies tests, controls, and rescue are in place. Signs the permit to authorize entry. Cancels entry when conditions change. Confirms rescue is available before entry begins.
Rescue	Trained and equipped for THIS space. Practices at least annually. Performs non-entry (retrieval) rescue first where possible. Ready before any entrant goes in.

Hard rule: The attendant never becomes the rescuer. More than half of confined-space deaths are would-be rescuers. Summon trained rescue and run a retrieval system.