

1910.146 Permit required confined spaces

(g) and (k)(1)(i)
through (iv)

(g) Training

- (1) The employer shall provide training so that all employees whose work is regulated by this section acquire the understanding, knowledge, and skills necessary for the safe performance of the duties assigned under this section.
- (2) Training shall be provided to each affected employee:
 - (i) Before the employee is first assigned duties under this section;
 - (ii) Before there is a change in assigned duties;
 - (iii) Whenever there is a change in permit space operations that presents a hazard about which an employee has not previously been trained;
 - (iv) Whenever the employer has reason to believe either that there are deviations from the permit space entry procedures required by paragraph (d)(3) of this section or that there are inadequacies in the employee's knowledge or use of these procedures.
- (3) The training shall establish employee proficiency in the duties required by this section and shall introduce new or revised procedures, as necessary, for compliance with this section.
- (4) The employer shall certify that the training required by paragraphs (g)(1) through (g)(3) of this section has been accomplished. The certification shall contain each employee's name, the signatures or initials of the trainers, and the dates of training. The certification shall be available for inspection by employees and their authorized representatives.

(k) Rescue and emergency services

- (1) An employer who designates rescue and emergency services, pursuant to paragraph (d)(9) of this section, shall:
 - (i) Evaluate a prospective rescuer's ability to respond to a rescue summons in a timely manner, considering the hazard(s) identified;

Note to paragraph (k)(1)(i): What will be considered timely will vary according to the specific hazards involved in each entry. For example, §1910.134, Respiratory Protection, requires that employers provide a standby person or persons capable of immediate action to rescue employee(s) wearing respiratory protection while in work areas defined as IDLH atmospheres.

- (ii) Evaluate a prospective rescue service's ability, in terms of proficiency with rescue-related tasks and equipment, to function appropriately while rescuing entrants from the particular permit space or types of permit spaces identified;
- (iii) Select a rescue team or service from those evaluated that:
 - (A) Has the capability to reach the victim(s) within a time frame that is appropriate for the permit space hazard(s) identified;
 - (B) Is equipped for and proficient in performing the needed rescue services;
- (iv) Inform each rescue team or service of the hazards they may confront when called on to perform rescue at the site.