

## Confined Spaces in Construction: Entry Rescue

### Handout

#### Overview

OSHA requires that employers who have permit spaces in their facilities in which employees will be working provide rescue and emergency services in case of accident.

#### What must my employer do?

An employer who designates rescue and emergency services shall select rescuers:

- Who can respond in a timely manner, considering the hazards involved.
- With the ability to function appropriately while rescuing entrants from the permit spaces identified.
- That are equipped for and proficient in performing the needed rescue services.

Additionally, the employer must provide the rescue service with:

- Information on the hazards they may confront when called upon to perform a rescue; and
- Provide access to all confined spaces from which rescue may be necessary.

#### Employee rescue and emergency services

If the employer requires that employees provide rescue and emergency services, those employees shall be:

- Provided with PPE needed to conduct permit space rescues safely.
- Trained in the use of the required PPE.
- Trained to perform assigned rescue duties, and that all rescuers are first trained as authorized entrants.
- Trained in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). At least one member of the team must hold a current certification in first aid and CPR.
- Practiced in making permit space rescues at least once every 12 months by means of simulated rescue operations in which the team removes dummies, manikins, or actual persons from the actual permit spaces or from representative permit spaces. Representative permit spaces shall simulate the types of permit spaces from which rescue is to be performed with regard to opening size, configuration, and accessibility.

