PLANNING CONFINED-SPACE RESCUE DRILLS

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Follow this worksheet to check off that the rescue team's periodic drills – at least once every 12 months when a successful rescue has not been completed – covers all possible scenarios and worksite characteristics. Practices may occur in representative spaces or in the "worst-case" environment with the most restrictive access, entrance size, and configurations.

TASKS

1. Horizontal Access: The entrance is located is located on the side of the permit space. Using retrieval lines may be difficult. 2. Vertical Access: The entrance is located is located on the side of the permit space. Using retrieval lines a) On the top of the permit space so rescuers must climb down, or b) On the bottom of the permit space so rescuers must climb up, to enter. 3. Restricted Entrance Size: Smallest diameter entrance is 2 ft. or less. These are too small for rescuers to enter with a SCBA, or allow normal spinal immobilization of an injured employee. 3. Unrestricted Entrance Size: Smallest diameter entrance is 2 ft. or more, and allows relatively free movement into and out of the permit space. 4. Open Internal Configuration: The space has no barriers, obstacles, or obstruction (e.g. a water tank). 5. Obstructed Internal Configuration: The space has an obstacle that requires the rescuer to maneuver around it (e.g. baffle, mixing blades). Equipment brought into the space (e.g. ladder, scaffold) can be an obstruction if its position or size increases the rescue difficulty. 6. Elevated Entrance Configuration: The entrance is 4 ft. or more above grade, requiring high angle rescue procedures because of the difficulty transporting victims from the entrance to the ground. 7. Non-elevated Entrance Configuration: The entrance is less than 4 ft. above grade, and the rescue team can normally transport victims.

RESULTS

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