

Duties of Employers under the Confined Spaces Standard

Category of Employer	Employer Responsibilities
All Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify all confined spaces in which their workers may work and determine whether any are permit spaces. If its workers are supposed to enter permit spaces, the employer is an "entry employer."• Employers who are not "entry employers" must make sure their workers stay out of any permit spaces present on the site, unless the workers are authorized for entry.
Entry Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect workers against permit space hazards by complying with the standard.• Inform controlling contractor of the program followed and hazards encountered in permit spaces.
Controlling Contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share information it has about permit space hazards with entry employers and other employers whose activities may create hazards in the permit space.• Coordinate entry operations when there is more than one entry employer.• Coordinate operations when permit space entry occurs during other activities at the site that might create a hazard in the space.
Host Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share information it has about permit space hazards with the controlling contractor.