

# How to Prepare for Confined Space Rescue: A 7-Step Guide

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worker from a confined space can have disastrous consequences for any company, more importantly, for the employees. Therefore, when working in confined areas, safety experts must know what to do if someone is injured, incapacitated, or trapped in a place and needs to be rescued. Read on to learn how to prepare for a [confined space rescue](#) in 7 steps.



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When rescuing in restricted areas, preparedness, rescue-focused skills training, effective use of rescue equipment, and real-world, hands-on practice can limit human error. The actions outlined below can assist safety personnel in planning and conducting a confined space rescue promptly.

### Step 1 – Rescue Drills & Practice

Practicing is one of the most effective strategies to prepare for an emergency. Rescue simulations allow OSH professionals to put theories and methods regarding the best procedures for confined space rescue to the test.

Rescue exercises provide staff the opportunity to practice working through various scenarios to get more familiar with different kinds of situations they might face in confined areas. Rescue drills assist teams in preparing for working in tight spaces and, if required, rescuing teammates.

### Step 2 – Understanding Rescue Types

Safety professionals build strategies for designing and executing a rescue based on the type of

rescue services required. Rescue operations typically fall under two categories: Time-sensitive and non-time-sensitive.

Time-sensitive or “emergency” rescues usually include oxygen-depleted environments with a short window of time to get someone out, usually six minutes. On the other hand, rescue operations without very tight time constraints are considered non-time-sensitive.

A circumstance in which someone falls and breaks their ankle while entering a location is an example of a non-time-sensitive rescue. The O<sub>2</sub> levels are sufficient in these situations, the rescue is not as time-sensitive and can be carried out without the need for supplemental oxygen.

### Step 3 – Wearing Full Body Harness

The complete body harness is possibly the most crucial piece of confined space rescue equipment. Many rescues include the use of lifting equipment to remove a person from a tight place, which must be attached to a full-body harness. Both vertical and horizontal rescues need the use of a harness to help hoist a person out of a location and to place the worker on a stretcher or rescue board.

Rescues can become much more difficult and time-consuming without a full-body harness. Therefore, it is important to ensure every entrant wears a body harness. Workers do not want to have to put a full-body harness on a motionless person, especially if the rescue is time-sensitive.

### Step 4 – Survey the Confined Space

Getting someone out of a limited location quickly necessitates a thorough understanding of the space’s dimensions. The OSH specialist may need to adapt the rescue strategy based on the space configuration and location.

For example, the typical tripod used to pull personnel out of tight places in the chemical industry may not be practicable in all confined spaces. As a result, anchor eyebolts may be required for vertical rescues over confined space entrance sites. Surveying ahead of time will aid in determining the proper tools and tactics for operating in a restricted place and rescuing someone.

### Step 5 – Survey Openings

Surveying and assessing openings is just as important as surveying and assessing confined places. Some people believe that a rescuer using a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) can fit into any confined place and move around freely.

However, it is not always the case. In some cases, the opening is not wide enough to enter all equipment. Surveying apertures allow employees and/or rescuers to determine how much room they'll have to enter the confined space and what kind of equipment they can carry.

#### Step 6 – Meet with Local Authorities

It's crucial to understand that calling 9-1-1 for a confined space rescue isn't always an option. Authorities do not always have the manpower, equipment, or capability to attempt a confined space rescue, depending on the situation. Therefore, it is important to meet with the local authorities to learn more about their rescue capabilities.

Safety specialists can build rescue strategies that are tailored to each situation by understanding the capabilities of local authorities. If local authorities are unable to help, the OSH professional must make the necessary adjustments to guarantee that the necessary personnel is in place to respond to an emergency immediately.

#### Step 7 – Work with a Trained Rescue Team

In many rescue circumstances, employees believe they can attach a person to the rescue winch's line and conduct the rescue internally without the requirement for a rescue crew. While this strategy may work in situations where someone falls to their death at the bottom of a confined space, such incidents are uncommon. Furthermore, the strategy is not the most ideal when there are multiple entrants.

A better approach is to seek guidance and the services of safety professionals. Professionals in charge of safety must guarantee that they have a properly equipped and trained [confined space rescue team](#) (CSRT) on standby in the event of an emergency.

A rescue crew must be equipped and ready to respond quickly if someone is injured, imprisoned, or immobilized, regardless of the confined space or opening. A CSRT could be a qualified employee or worker of the internal team, external or third-party contractors, or a local emergency response. The team's composition depends on several factors, including the budget, local resources, and competent personnel.

Find a confined space rescue team that provides all the necessary rescue apparatus, as well as the required planning documentation to fulfill regulatory requirements associated with [confined space permits](#). This includes pre-planning. Rescue plans are completed on-site based upon thorough assessments of the subject space and project demands. Ensure the rescue team is mobile and available on a national level, and that they can remain at the location to ensure emergency rapid intervention is exercised in the time of need.

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