



National
Operational
Guidance

Control measure

Confined space: Risk assessment



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TRAINING SPECIFICATION

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Learning outcome

Fire and rescue service policies and resources

Understand:

- The service's policy on:
 - What type and complexity of confined space incidents can be dealt with by initial non-specialist personnel
 - How more complex confined space incidents will be handled
 - Details of the specialist resources and equipment that may be required

Identify potential hazards

Understand:

- How to gather information about the hazards present in a confined space

Risk assess the benefits of entering the confined space

Understand:

- How to carry out a risk assessment for confined space working

Safe system of work

Understand:

- What elements should inform the safe system of work
- The need for emergency arrangements

Practical application



Control measure element

Learning outcome

Incident commanders must:
Ensure that personnel do not enter a confined space prior to carrying out a risk assessment

Incident commanders must:
Establish a safe system of work and emergency arrangements prior to personnel entering a confined space

Adhere to their service's policy when responding to confined space incidents

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Risk-assess the confined space prior to committing personnel when entry is unavoidable

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Establish a safe system of work for personnel entering a confined space
- Establish emergency arrangements when personnel are entering a confined space

Demonstrate the ability to:

- Adhere to service policy when:
 - Deploying personnel to a confined space incident
 - Attending a confined space incident
 - Deploying personnel to a confined space