

RISK ASSESSMENT



Work Activity/Task	Confined Space
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Date of Assessment	15/01/2025	Risk Assessment Assessor	Mick Kilburn	Signature of Assessor	
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Location of Activity/ Task	Site Contact Name
	Site Contact Number

SEVERITY	LIKELIHOOD					SEVERITY					1 - 4 Low Risk	5 - 9 Medium Risk	10 - 15 High Risk	16 - 25 Very High Risk
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	Continue with existing control, however monitor for changes. Implement any additional control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment.	Requires attention to reduce the rating as well as regular ongoing monitoring. Implement any additional control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment.	Requires immediate attention to bring the risk down to an acceptable level. Implement the control measures required, within the timescales given in the risk assessment and continue to review working practices to reduce the probability of an accident to the lowest possible level.	Stop immediately – the risk is too high. Take immediate action to reduce the risk to the lowest level possible.
5	5	10	15	20	25	5	Almost Certain - Very High Risk	5	Fatality - Very High Risk					
4	4	8	12	16	20	4	Probable - High Risk	4	Severe Incapacity - High Risk					
3	3	6	9	12	15	3	50/50 - Medium Risk	3	Absent from work 3 weeks - Medium Risk					
2	2	4	6	8	10	2	Improbable - Low Risk	2	Absent from work less than 1 day - Medium Risk					
1	1	2	3	4	5	1	Almost Impossible - Low Risk	1	Insignificant - Low Risk					

COSHH Hazardous Substances

Personal Protective Equipment

Are any products used in this task harmful/Irritant? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are any products used in this task Corrosive? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are any products used in this task Flammable? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Does this task require Head protection? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does this task require eye protection? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does this task require foot protection? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does this task require ear protection? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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No pesticides will be used during this audit/survey

PPE will be worn in accordance with site specific rules

Are any products used in this task explosive? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are any products used in this task a health hazard? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are any products used in this task harmful to the Environment? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Does this task require hand protection? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does this task require Hi Visibility? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does this task require clothing protection? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Does this task require respiratory protection? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please highlight all substances being used in this work task and any personal protective equipment required to protect the user.



Identified Hazards	Persons who may be affected	Risk Level before any control measures S x L = R				Risk Mitigation Measures	Additional Control Measures Required	Actions Required and completed by	Final Risk Level S x L = R			
		S	L	R	RR				S	L	R	RR
Unknown Hazards	EPM & Site personnel	5	5	25	VHR	<p>Ensure the Client is aware that you are on site.</p> <p>Where possible sign in and sign off on the site either verbally and/or by filling in the visitor's book.</p> <p>Ensure familiarity with site, client's activities and specific safety rules. Complete induction if required.</p> <p>Fill out the appropriate permits to work when working in certain areas designated by the client where applicable.</p>			2	2	4	LR
Slips, Trips & Falls	EPM Staff	3	3	9	MR	<p>Safety boots with good grip to be worn at all times. Ensure all work areas are clear.</p>			2	1	2	LR
Contact with Machinery		4	4	16	VHR	<p>EPM staff are not to use or approach any machinery without the permission of site contact. The permit to work system is then required before inspection of any machinery.</p>			2	2	4	LR
Moving Vehicles		5	5	25	VHR	<p>If vehicles are present on site, EPM personnel must ensure site contact is aware of your existence and wear a high visibility vest/coat. Keep to authorised walkways.</p>			2	2	4	LR

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Noise		4	2	12	HR	An assessment must be completed before entry to any site and PPE worn as instructed. Always wear ear protection where mandatory signs are shown			2	2	4	LR
Application of pesticides	EPM & Site Personnel	4	2	12	HR	<p>Only approved pesticides to be used.</p> <p>Ensure amount of pesticides used is kept to a minimum with the emphasis on treating the harbourage of the pests concerned. If the pesticides are used outdoors ensure it has appropriate approval. Place rodenticides in protected bait boxes.</p> <p>Restrict access to pets by placing baits in bait boxes, if necessary these should be tamper-resistant</p> <p>Contact dust and gel only applied to known harbourages and not placed in the open.</p> <p>Where applicable mix the rodenticide in an area where spillage can be speedily cleared up. Dispose of excess rodenticide and packaging in a practical, appropriate manner. Packaging should be ripped or punctured to prevent further use.</p> <p>Provide information to the</p>			2	2	4	LR

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Method Statement



Work Task	Confined Space		
Client Name			
Site Address			
Site Contact		Contact Number	
 Project Manager		Contact Number	
 Contact		Contact Number	

Description of work carried out

1	EPM personnel must inform site contact to arrange for permission to carry out work activity and inform the estimated time of arrival.
2	On arrival EPM personnel are to sign in the visitor's book and read the site specific health & safety rules. Before the commencement of any contract works, attendance of a site induction will be required if necessary. If a permit to work is required this will be completed before work commences.
3	Once the appropriate paperwork has been completed and permission has been granted the EPM operative will undertake a full inspection of the premises.
4	<p>The following in sections 5-8 in italic is from the HSE website and should be used as guidance. Details are in the link below.</p> <p>What is a confined Space, A confined space is one which is both enclosed, or largely enclosed, and which also has a reasonably foreseeable risk to workers of fire, explosion, loss of consciousness, asphyxiation or drowning.</p> <p>It may be small and restrictive for the worker or it could be far larger such as a grain storage silo with hundreds of cubic metre capacity.</p>
5	<p>What are the hazards? Working in a confined space is dangerous because of the risks from noxious fumes, reduced oxygen levels, or a risk of fire.</p> <p>Other dangers may include flooding/drowning or asphyxiation from some other source such as dust, grain or other contaminant.</p>

6	<p>What do I have to do?</p> <p>Wherever possible, you should avoid carrying out tasks in confined spaces. Where this is not possible, you must assess the risks of the particular confined space and plan how you will control those risks. For example:</p> <p>if a confined space has noxious fumes, you should consider how these can be ventilated or removed if there is a risk of liquids or gases flooding in, you should establish whether the valves can be locked shut if someone is going into a confined space and there is not enough oxygen to breathe properly, you must provide breathing apparatus or ventilate the space to increase oxygen levels before entering You should have emergency arrangements where necessary. If someone is working in a confined space, think about the following:</p> <p>How will you know they are okay and haven't been overcome by fumes? How will you get them out if they are overcome? (It is not enough to rely on the emergency services.)</p>
7	<p>Dos and don'ts of working in confined spaces</p> <p>Do... be aware of the risks that may occur within a confined space make sure the person doing the work is capable and trained in both the work and the use of any emergency equipment</p> <p>Don't... work in confined spaces unless it's essential to do so ignore the risks – just because a confined space is safe one day doesn't mean it will always be let others enter a confined space until you are sure it's safe to do so</p>
8	<p>The law</p> <p><i>Confined Spaces Regulations 1997</i> <i>Other legislation may apply, depending on where the confined space is situated or on the task being carried out, for example:</i></p> <p><i>Confined spaces within machinery</i> <i>Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER)</i> <i>Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992</i> <i>Equipment required before entering a confined space</i> <i>Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002</i> <i>Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (as amended)</i></p>

Accident & Emergency Procedures

In the event of an accident this must be reported to the site manager/contact. All accidents must be reported in the site accident book. Contact should also be made with the EPM office and accidents reported in the accident book. If first aid can be applied this must be carried out using the first aid equipment stored in the vehicle. If the accident is serious the emergency services need to be contacted via the 999 number. Please ensure H&S Data sheets are available if required.

Equipment Likely to be used.

Torch, monitoring station keys, screwdrivers, scrapers, laptop tablet, metal detectable pen, rodent glue boards, (for emergency use only),

Personal Protective Equipment expected to be used

Safety Boots, Coveralls, Safety Glasses, Ear protection, hard hat, disposable gloves, Hi-visibility vests. Face mask with appropriate filters.

Certification Required

Minimum of a British Pest Control Association Diploma, see <https://www.hse.gov.uk/confinedspace/index.htm> for gu

EPM Personnel Involved in the task
