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Confined Space Entry



SPEAKER NOTES

Confined Space Entry

The definition of a confined space is:

A place which is substantially enclosed (though not always entirely), and where serious injury can occur from hazardous substances or conditions within the space or nearby.

Examples include but are not limited to; lack of oxygen, oxygen enrichment, flammable/explosive or toxic atmosphere, flowing liquids or free flowing substances, excessive heat and limited entry and exit.

We all have confined spaces within our worksites, regardless of where we work, onshore or offshore.

These include obvious spaces such as storage tanks, reaction vessels, and enclosed drains, but there are other less obvious areas such as open-topped chambers, test pits, ductwork and poorly ventilated rooms where the hazards are less obvious.

Confined space fatalities have, and still do occur with alarming frequency across our industry.

Resources included in this pack are:

- **Confined Space Entry Joined-up Thinking film**
- **Safety Moment**
- **Safety Alerts**
- **Confined Spaces regulation 1997**, Approved code of Practice (AKOP) and guidance (www.hse.gov.uk)
- **Confined Spaces** – A brief guide to working safely (www.hse.gov.uk)
- **Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seafarers 2019** (www.gov.uk) For confined spaces see sections; 4.8, 4.9, 8.8, 9.4, 11.10, 14.1.1 but primarily Section 15.



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How to get the best out of this pack

The Film

The film is approx. 6 mins long. The value of this presentation is in the discussion afterwards so allow plenty of time to accommodate this.

Prepare by watching the video, reading the safety alerts and finding similar scenarios in your own discipline, in your area, site or company.

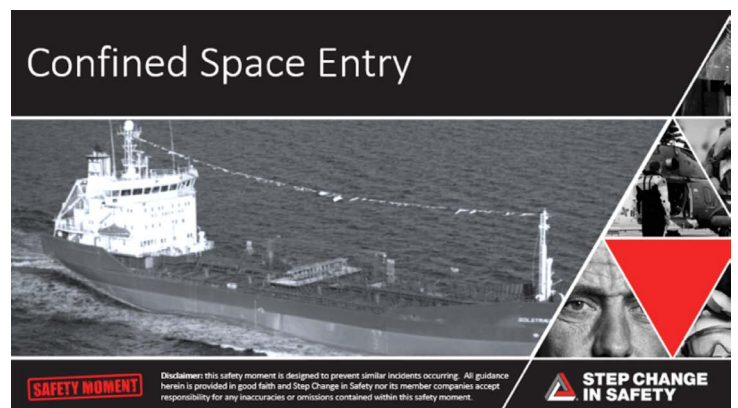
At the end of the film there are questions to encourage discussion:

1. Before starting a task, how do you ensure that the risk assessment considers all significant hazards and that the risks are adequately controlled?
2. How do you verify that all controls are sufficient, and in place before starting work?
3. Where are the confined spaces on your site?
4. How are you aware of the limits of your own competence?

Safety Moment

This Safety Moment is intended to highlight how the IOGP Life Saving Rules and Step Change in Safety 7 Cs of safety can be applied to keep people safe when working in confined spaces.

It is based on the Accident Investigation Board (AIBN) safety investigation of a fatality on board a chemical tanker.



Did this presentation result in discussion that could lead to creating another alert, moment or pack with the industry?
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