This action guide provides a list of considerations for first responders to review when responding to a confined space incident. For more information on NFPA® 350, Guide for Safe Confined Space Entry and Work, view the complete document at nfpa.org/350.

**ENTRY CONDITIONS**

Identify:
- If a confined space permit exists
- Entry supervisor
- Number of entrants within the confined space
- Whether response includes rescue or recovery

**HAZARDS**

Are there any atmospheric hazards? How are they being mitigated?
- Continuous monitoring is required
- Oxygen content is between 19.5% and 22%
- Flammable gas levels are >10% of lower explosive limit
- Carbon monoxide levels >25 ppm
- Hydrogen sulfide present >5 ppm
- Another atmospheric hazard is present

Are there any inherent, introduced, or adjacent hazards? How are they being mitigated?
- Mechanical energy (springs, elevated parts, etc.)
- Electrical energy (electric >50 volts, motors, agitators, etc.)
- Pneumatic and/or hydraulic energy (lifts, agitators, hydraulic, pneumatic etc.)
- Physical engulfment by material
- Chemical/biological/atmospheric
- Fluids/gases (CIP lines, nitrogen, steam, hydraulic, pneumatic, etc.)
- Unauthorized entry of personnel
- Noise >85 dB
- Excessive heat or cold
- Falling objects
- Hot work
- Line break
- Lockout/tagout (LOTO)
- Live electrical work

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Which of the following are required?
- Respiratory protection (SCBA, SAR, etc.)
- Hard hat(s)
- Safety glasses
- Goggles
- Face shield(s)
- Hearing protection
- Boots
- Gloves
- Disposal coveralls
- Other

**RESCUE EQUIPMENT**

Which of the following will be used?
- Full body harness with “D” ring
- Tripod/retrieval system
- Fall-arresting equipment
- Lifelines and safety or wrist harness
- Emergency escape retrieval equipment
- Air monitoring equipment