

Confined Space – Safety Awareness

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The Problem

There is always a risk that procedures are not being followed or adhered to. We all have to contribute for a greater acceptance and awareness about safety.

It has to support our fellow workers, contractors who are on the job and access sites. Owning and exercising awareness is more effective than rules and regulations.

The Goal

South East Water together with their alliance business, 'us' – Utility Services has created a first set of flyers and posters to share, communicate and emphasize about our responsibility for each other.

We all want to return home after a good days work to our loved ones and if only one incident can be prevented because of this campaign and information, we have had 100% success already!

Three is not a crowd!

Confined Space Safety Requirements

- persons entering manholes are required to undergo specific training
- the atmosphere in manholes is to be subjected to both initial and ongoing testing when entries are being performed
- stand-by persons are required to monitor work in confined spaces
- rescue procedures should be developed and rehearsed
- rescue equipment is to be made available on site

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How clear does the message need to be?

You cannot trust the human senses to determine if the air in a manhole is safe.

A person cannot determine the level of oxygen nor detect the presence of many toxic gases and vapours (such as carbon monoxide) by sight or smell.

Where appropriate, the atmosphere should be tested.

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You Don't Need To Die For a Living!

Safety regulations demand that only workers with valid entry permits may go inside a confined space. Those workers should be thoroughly trained and familiar with emergency procedures. All confined spaces should be clearly signposted.

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