

GD18 Entry into a confined space with breathing apparatus checklist

Company name		Project title	
Location		Contract no.	
Entry into a confined space with breathing apparatus			Tick
1. Follow a safe system of work.			
2. Put in place adequate emergency arrangements before work starts, which will also safeguard rescuers.			
3. Initiate a permit to work.			
4. Withdraw the space from service.			
5. Isolate the workplace from electrical, mechanical, chemical, heat and all other external sources of danger.			
6. Check that no inward leakage of gas, steam or liquids is possible.			
7. Clean, drain and purge the workplace, as necessary, for the type of work and entry.			
8. Test the atmosphere for flammable gas, toxic gas, oxygen, and so on.			
9. Decide which type of breathing apparatus is to be used.			
10. Ensure that the personnel involved have a current, valid certificate for the type and use of breathing apparatus.			
11. Ensure that all tools and equipment are safe for use in the work area.			
12. Check the provision of protective clothing, harnesses, lifelines, rescue equipment and rescue personnel.			
13. Ensure that rescue personnel are adequately trained in the use of rescue equipment and they are capable of using it correctly.			
14. Ensure rescue equipment and personnel are readily available for the duration of the work.			
15. If appropriate, ensure that the fire and rescue service is informed of the location and type of work being carried out.			
16. Brief personnel on what is to be done and arrange communications.			
17. Issue the permit to work and gas-free certificate to authorise entry and fix a timescale within which the work must be completed.			
18. Constantly monitor the workspace and communications.			
19. If the task is completed within the timescale, advise all concerned, cancel the permit to work and return the space to service.			
20. If the work is not completed in time, withdraw all personnel, cancel the permit to work and consider how best to proceed.			
Comments			
Name		Position	
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