

Duties of Attendants Entering a Confined Space

1. Know the hazards that may be faced during entry including information on the mode, signs or symptoms, and consequences of the exposure.
2. Be conscious of possible behavioral effects of hazard exposure in authorized entrants.
3. Continuously maintain an accurate count of authorized entrants in the permit space and ensure that the identities of all entrants are recorded.
4. Remain outside the permit space during the entry operation until relieved by another attendant.
5. Communicate with authorized entrants as necessary to monitor entrant status and to alert entrants to the need to evacuate from the space.
6. Monitor activities inside and outside the space to determine if it is safe for entrants to remain in the space. Order the entrants to evacuate under any of the following situations:
 - a. the attendant detects a prohibited condition
 - b. the attendant detects the behavioral effects of hazard exposure in an authorized entrant
 - c. the attendant detects a situation outside the space that could endanger the authorized entrants
 - d. the attendant cannot effectively and safely perform all duties described in this section
7. Summon rescue and other emergency services as soon as the attendant determines that authorized entrants may need assistance to escape from permit space hazards.
8. Take the following actions when unauthorized persons approach or enter a permit space while entry is underway:
 - a. Warn the unauthorized persons that they must stay away from the permit space
 - b. Advise the unauthorized persons that they must exit immediately if they have entered the permit space
 - c. Inform the authorized entrants and the entry supervisor if unauthorized persons have entered the permit space
9. Perform non-entry rescue using retrieval equipment.
10. Perform no duties that might interfere with the attendant's primary duty to monitor and protect the authorized entrants.