

MB Regulation 217 / 2006 – Part 15 – Confined Space General Requirements

A **confined space** is defined as an enclosed or partially enclosed space that

- a) except for the purpose of performing work, is not primarily designed or intended for human occupancy; and
- b) has restricted means of access or egress

Employer Responsibilities

An employer must **develop and implement** safe job procedures for working in confined spaces, **train their workers** in those safe job procedures, **and ensure that workers comply** with safe job procedures.

Safe Job Procedures must include:

- a means of hazard identification
- isolation of energy sources (lockout)
- required safety and personal protective equipment
- a method of communication between the workers in a confined space and a standby worker
- emergency response
- information about the entry permit.

Entry Permits must include:

- location of the confined space
- name of **each** worker who will enter the confined space and their reason for doing so
- the date and time that the permit will be valid
- the work being done in the confined space
- applicable safe job procedures
- all identified hazards

The entry permit must be completed and signed by a competent and knowledgeable person **prior** to beginning work in a confined space. The entry permit must be readily available at the site of the confined space. Anytime the work activity in a confined space changes, new hazards are identified or any of the worker information changes, the entry permit must be reviewed and revised.

Standby workers must be designated for every confined space. They must be present at the entrance to a confined space at **all times** (while a worker is working). The standby worker must be trained in First Aid (as per MB Regulation 217 / 2006), trained in the confined space job procedures (including emergency / rescue procedures), in **direct communication** with the worker in the confined space and has a means to summon assistance if necessary.

*****Please review MB Regulation 217 / 2006 – Part 15 for specific requirements and more information*****





THANK YOU to everyone who attended the 16th Annual Westman Safety Conference on March 3, 2010 at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon! Your continued support has made this conference a huge success and we look forward to seeing you next year!

WASP (Westman Association of Safety Professionals)
Next meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

The meeting will be held at the St. John Ambulance Boardroom,
located in the Shopper's Mall
1570 – 18th Street, Brandon (South Entrance, 2nd Floor)

For more information, please contact Belva at 728-3456 or by email:
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Westman's Training Schedule for April:

Tuesday, April 6	Principles of Safety Management
Thursday, April 8	Simplified Safety
Tuesday, April 13	Safety Auditor Training
Thursday, April 15	WHMIS / Train the Trainer
Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20 (2 day course)	Leadership for Safety Excellence

All courses run from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Coffee, refreshments, lunch and training materials are provided. Online registration available at www.constructionsafety.ca. Click on courses; training seminar schedule.

The next Construction Safety Officer (CSO™) exam has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 21 in Winnipeg and Brandon. To learn more about becoming a CSO™, please visit our website or email: marla@constructionsafety.ca (Winnipeg) jennifer@constructionsafety.ca (Westman)

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