

**WAC 296-809-100 Scope.** This chapter applies to all confined spaces and provides requirements to protect employees from the hazards of entering and working in confined spaces. This chapter applies in any of the following circumstances:

- (1) You have confined spaces in your workplace.
- (2) Your employees will enter another employer's confined spaces.
- (3) A contractor will enter your confined spaces.
- (4) You provide confined space rescue services.

You can use Table 1 to help you decide which requirements to follow for confined spaces.

**Table 1  
Requirements for Confined Spaces**

For confined spaces that are	The requirements in the following sections apply				
	200	300	400	500	600
Permit-required confined spaces.	X	X	X	X	X
Permit-required confined spaces entered by a contractor (or other outside employer).	X	X	X	X	X
Alternative methods.	X	X	X		X
Never entered.	X				
<b>If you only:</b>					
Have a contractor (or outside employer) enter your space, and you never enter yourself.	X				
Are a rescue service provider.		X	X	X	

**Note:** Requirements in other chapters may apply to your work. You can find a list of these rules in Appendix C Rules in Other Chapters that Cover Confined Spaces by visiting the labor and industries website at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/safety/rules/chapter/809/>. You will find some safety and health requirements addressed on a broad level in this chapter, while being addressed for a specific application in another rule. When this happens, both requirements apply and should not conflict. When a conflict does occur, you need to follow the more specific requirement.

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