

WAC 296-809-20004 Inform employees and control entry to permit-required confined spaces. (1) You must provide information about confined spaces as follows:

(a) Make available to affected employees and their authorized representatives all information and documents required by this chapter.

(b) Inform affected employees about the existence, location, and danger of any permit-required confined spaces in your workplace by:

(i) Posting danger signs;¹ or

(ii) Using any other equally effective means to inform employees.²

(2) You must take effective measures to prevent unauthorized employees from entering permit-required confined spaces.³

Notes:

¹ A sign reading "Danger—Permit Required Confined Space, DO NOT ENTER" or using pictures or other similar wording employees can understand would satisfy the requirement for a sign.

² Equally effective means must warn employees about the existence, location and danger of permit-required confined spaces for all affected employees.

³ Examples of measures to prevent employee entry include: Padlocks, bolted covers, use of special tools to remove covers along with, employee training, and permanently closing the space, such as welding it closed.

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