

**WAC 296-307-64602 Develop a written permit-required confined space program.**

**IMPORTANT:**

Identify and evaluate the hazards of permit-required confined spaces and the work performed, to assist the employer in developing its entry program.

(1) The employer must develop a written program, before employees enter, that describes the means, procedures, and practices the employer uses for the safe entry of permit-required confined spaces as required by this part. Include the following when applicable to the employer's confined space entry program:

- (a) Documentation of permit entry procedures.
- (b) Documentation used for alternate entry procedures.
- (c) How to reclassify permit-required confined spaces to nonpermit spaces.
- (d) Designation of employee roles, such as entrants, attendants, entry supervisors, rescuers, or those who test or monitor the atmosphere in a permit-required space.
- (e) Identification of designated employee duties.
- (f) Training employees on their designated roles.
- (g) How to identify and evaluate hazards.
- (h) Use and maintenance of equipment.
- (i) How to prevent unauthorized entry.
- (j) How to coordinate entry with another employer.
- (k) How to rescue entrants.

**Note:** For alternate entry, the employer's written program only needs to meet the requirements of WAC 296-307-648, Employee training, and WAC 296-307-652, Alternate entry procedures, of this part.

(2) The employer must consult with affected employees and their authorized representatives when developing and implementing all aspects of the employer's permit-required confined space program.

(3) The employer must make the written program available to employees and their authorized representatives.

(4) The employer must update its written program as necessary.

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