

WAC 296-307-65014 Make sure you have adequate rescue and emergency services available.

You must:

(1) Make sure you have adequate rescue and emergency services available during your permit-required confined space entry operations.

- Evaluate and select rescue teams or services who can:
 - Respond to a rescue call in a timely manner. Timeliness is based on the identified hazards. Rescuers must have the capability to reach potential victims within an appropriate time frame based on the identified permit space hazards.

- Proficiently rescue employees from a permit-required confined space in your workplace. Rescuers must have the appropriate equipment for the type of rescue.

- Make sure that at least one member of the rescue team or service holds a current certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

- Inform each rescue team or service about the hazards they may confront when called to perform rescue.

- Provide the rescue team or service with access to all permit spaces from which rescue may be necessary.

- This will allow them to develop appropriate rescue plans and to practice rescue operations.

Note: What will be considered timely will vary according to the specific hazards involved in each entry. For example, WAC 296-307-594, Respirators, requires that employers provide a standby person or persons capable of immediate action to rescue employee(s) for work areas considered to contain an IDLH atmosphere.

You must:

(2) Provide employees, assigned to provide permit-required confined space rescue and emergency services, with:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for safe entry.
- Other equipment required to conduct rescues safely.
- Training so they are:
 - Proficient in the use of the PPE and other equipment.
 - Proficient as an entrant of permit-required confined spaces.
 - Able to safely perform assigned rescue and emergency duties.
 - Knowledgeable in basic first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

- Practice sessions for permit-required confined space rescues **at least** once every twelve months where dummies, manikins, or actual persons are removed from either:

- The actual permit spaces; or
- Representative permit spaces that simulate the opening size, configuration, and accessibility, of permit spaces where rescue will be performed.

(3) Establish procedures for:

- Contacting rescue and emergency services.
- Rescuing entrants from permit-required confined spaces.
- Providing necessary emergency services to rescued entrants.
- Preventing unauthorized persons from attempting a rescue.

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