

CONFINED SPACE RESCUE PLAN

The emergency arrangements the permit points to — in place before anyone enters

RESCUE PLAN — HOLD WITH THE PERMIT

KD-RES-CS-003 Rev A0

Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 reg 5: nobody enters a confined space unless suitable and sufficient arrangements for the rescue of persons in an emergency have been made — arrangements that reduce the risk to the rescuers, and that include resuscitation equipment where the hazards make it likely to be needed. ACOP L101 (3rd edition, 2014) is the code the arrangements follow: ACOP para 147 says you should not rely on the public emergency services, and guidance para 161 sets out what the arrangements cover — the fire and rescue service may be told the entry is happening, but the rescue is yours. People die in confined spaces in twos and threes because the second went in to fetch the first, so the plan starts with rescue from outside and nobody enters to rescue without breathing apparatus, a line and a second top person. The permit itself is KD-PTW-CS-004, whose rescue section points to this sheet; the equipment register is KD-INS-CS-028; the gas test record KD-SYS-GT-017; the drill KD-RES-DR-006. Reg 4 comes first: if the work can be done without entry, there is no rescue to plan.

1 THE SPACE AND THE ENTRY

PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE	DATE	PLAN WRITTEN BY
THE SPACE	ENTRY POINT	PERMIT REF	ENTRANTS AT ONCE

2 THE SPECIFIED RISKS IN THIS SPACE — FROM THE ASSESSMENT BEHIND THE PERMIT

☐ Gas, fume or vapour — loss of consciousness	☐ Free-flowing solid — asphyxiation
☐ Oxygen deficiency, or enrichment	☐ Fire or explosion
☐ Liquid — drowning	☐ Heat — loss of consciousness
WHAT ELSE FAILS DURING A RESCUE IN THIS SPACE	

3 THE RESCUE METHOD — TICK WHAT THIS PLAN USES; WRITE THE SPECIFIC METHOD IN THE ROWS BELOW

☐ Non-entry rescue first: every entrant wears a full-body harness attached to a line on a tripod or davit with a winch, so an entrant who collapses is hauled out by the top person without anyone entering — where the space's shape makes a line useless, say so in section 4 and plan for entry rescue

☐ Top person at the entry throughout, in contact by voice, line signal or radio at the interval written below — and the top person never enters, whatever they hear

☐ Entry rescue only by the rescue team named in section 5, in the breathing apparatus and on the lines named in section 4, after the atmosphere is re-tested, and with a second top person in place before they go in

☐ Escape set carried by every entrant where the atmosphere could change — the set gets them out; it does not let them stay

☐ Isolation held: the valve, the pump, the feed that could fill the space stays locked off through the rescue; nobody restores anything to help

☐ Ventilation kept running, increased on the alarm where it helps, stopped where it would feed a fire — the decision written in section 4

☐ Resuscitation equipment and a first-aider at the entry for the whole entry, because reg 5 expects them where the hazard could need them

☐ 999 called at the start of a rescue, not the end — and told it is a confined space, what is in it, and where to come

The method for this entry, specifically:

PRIMARY METHOD FOR THIS ENTRY	BACKUP IF THE PRIMARY FAILS	CONTACT CHECK INTERVAL	ESCAPE SET DURATION

4 THE KIT AT THE ENTRY — ONE LINE PER ITEM; ON KD-INS-CS-028 BEFORE IT IS HERE

ITEM	ID / SERIAL	KD-INS-CS-028 REF	EXAMINED / IN DATE	ENTRY CHECK (INIT., TIME)

5 THE PEOPLE — THE TOP PERSON AND THE RESCUE TEAM ON SITE FOR THE WHOLE ENTRY

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6 RAISING THE ALARM, AND AFTER

HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED	999 CALLED BY, AND WHEN	AMBULANCE MET AT
FIRST-AIDER(S) FOR THIS WORK	NEAREST A&E	

7 BRIEFING, REHEARSAL AND REVIEW

BRIEFED TO EVERYONE IT COVERS ON	REHEARSED ON (KD-RES-DR-006 REF)	REVIEW THIS PLAN ON	RAMS / PERMIT IT SITS BEHIND

8 SIGNATURES

Plan written by (competent person):					
PRINTED NAME	ROLE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME
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PRINTED NAME	ROLE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

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