Confined Space Entry Permit Checklist

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A pre-entry reference for permit-required confined spaces under OSHA 1910.146. Not a substitute for your workplace's actual written entry permit or formal training — use this alongside both.

Date: _____ **Space ID:** _____

Before Testing

- ☐ Confirm the monitor is calibrated and bump-tested for the day
- ☐ Confirm entrant, attendant, and entry supervisor roles are assigned
- ☐ Confirm isolation measures are in place (lockout/tagout, blanking, disconnecting) as needed

Atmospheric Testing — In This Order

- ☐ Oxygen content: confirm within 19.5%–23.5%
- ☐ Flammable/combustible gas: confirm below 10% of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL)
- ☐ Toxic gases (including H2S): confirm below the permissible exposure limit
- ☐ Test at multiple levels within the space, not just at the opening

The Written Permit Must Include

- ☐ Measures used to isolate the space and control hazards
- ☐ Acceptable entry conditions
- ☐ Atmospheric test results, including who tested and what equipment was used
- ☐ Name of the nearest rescue service and their expected response time

During Entry

- ☐ Continue atmospheric monitoring throughout the entry — conditions can change
- ☐ Maintain continuous communication between attendant and entrants
- ☐ Evacuate immediately if monitor alarms or conditions change unexpectedly

Rescue Readiness

- ☐ If rescue response time exceeds roughly 5–10 minutes for a space that could reach IDLH conditions, confirm on-site rescue capability is in place
- ☐ Confirm rescue equipment is staged and accessible before entry begins

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