



Confined Space Safety

****NEW CLASS**** MWWA Course ID #: 21-019, MA Wastewater Course ID#: BC-2021-3620

Did you know that 67% of all deaths related to confined spaces occur when attempting a rescue? And in nearly all of those cases there was no written plan or adequate equipment. Both water and wastewater employees commonly enter a variety of confined spaces: valve & meter vaults, manholes, tanks and trenches. It is important that utility workers understand the hazards of confined spaces and what procedures should be followed to stay safe. This half day class will provide attendees with an overview of what constitutes a confined space as well as the proper equipment and procedures that must be followed. It will also provide an overview of the resources available to help utilities prepare written plans and checklists.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the hazards of confined spaces and how to properly protect workers
- Review the resources available to help utilities develop written programs and checklists
- Learn about the types of equipment needed and how to properly enter a confined space

This course is approved for **2.0 TCHs** (Training Contact Hours) for Massachusetts Water & Wastewater Operators. It will be taught using the Zoom platform. Participants will need to have a reliable highspeed internet connection and computer device with both video and audio capability. Please review our Student Expectations for Attending Virtual Training at www.masswaterworks.org/education.

LOCATION: Remote Training via Zoom
DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 2021
TIME: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
COST: \$50 Members; \$75 Nonmembers

INSTRUCTORS: Stephen Dagle, Safety & Health Inspector, Mass. Dept. of Labor Standards (DLS)
Blake Underhill, President, Industrial Safety & Rescue

AGENDA	8:30. – 8:45 AM	Registration & Introductions
	8:45 – 9:30 AM	Definition of Confined Spaces & Common Examples Mass DLS Program Resources
	9:30 – 10:00 AM	Preparing for a Confined Space Entry
	10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break
	10:15 – 11:00 AM	Common Equipment Needed and Proper Entry Procedures
	11:00 – 11:15 AM	Conclusions & Course Evaluations

Registrations must be done on-line (www.masswaterworks.org). If you need registration assistance, please email adminmwwa@masswaterworks.org or call 978-263-1388.

ATTENDANCE & TCH POLICY: Participation of the attendees will be confirmed throughout the Zoom session. Participation and completion of an online evaluation form are necessary to be eligible for TCHs. TCHs will be issued only when full payment is received.