A confined space is any space or structure that has limited openings for entry/exit and is not intended for continuous occupancy, but you can still fit inside to perform work. Entering a confined space has a high potential to cause a serious injury or fatality – especially if there is a hazardous atmosphere because even though you probably won’t be able to see the hazard, it can still kill you.

**ARE YOU ABOUT TO...**
- Conduct maintenance or other work in a permit-required confined space?
  
  Not sure? Does a space you’re about to enter have any of the following characteristics?
  - Contains or has a potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere;
  - Contains a material with the potential for engulfing an entrant;
  - Has an internal configuration such that an entrant could be trapped or asphyxiated by inwardly converging walls or a floor that tapers to a smaller cross-section; or
  - Contains any other recognized serious safety or health hazard.
  
  If yes, then it’s a permit-required space.

**TAKE CONTROL!**

**IMPLEMENT THESE CRITICAL CONTROLS:**
- Consider if there is another way to do the job that doesn’t require entering the confined space.
- Fully complete a Confined Space Entry Permit. Make sure a supervisor signs the permit certifying the space is safe for work. This includes a pre-entry meeting, atmospheric monitoring, establishing communication procedures, and preparing the area for entry.
- Use all necessary PPE and check for wear, tear and damage before use.
- Have a rescue plan in place and make sure all rescue and retrieval equipment is readily available.