I. Purpose

1.1 A general policy regarding the confined space workplace is provided as an action plan to guide the Dixie State University Administration and/or assigned personnel in confined space workplace identification, education, employee control and rescue action plan procedure.

II. Definition

2.1 Confined space is a space that:

2.1.1 Has limited or restricted means of entry or exit, such as an electrical utility manhole

2.1.2 Has little ventilation where an oxygen-deficient environment may develop such as a sewer manhole or;

2.1.3 Where chemical or physical hazards may be present, such as a chemical storage room.

III. General

3.1 It is the policy of Dixie State University to:

3.1.1 Provide safe workplace standards and rescue action for employees required to work in areas defined as "confined."

3.1.2 Comply with applicable program requirements as outlined in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA0, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.

3.1.3 Provide department heads, supervisors and employees Confined /space Workplace information and training needed to perform their assigned tasks effectively.

3.1.4 Establish a written permit program for confined space Workplace that:

3.1.4.1 Defines a confined space workplace

3.1.4.2 Documents entry permit procedures, equipment and record keeping
3.1.4.3 Establishes a rescue action plan

3.1.4.4 Identifies work team responsibilities

3.1.4.5 Identifies rescue team responsibilities

3.1.5 Use the safety committee to promote and ensure that safe Confined space Workplace procedures and rescue plans are prepared and followed.

3.1.6 Establish a listing of identified Confined space Workplace locations and classifications.

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