

# Dixie State University Policy

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## 404 Confined Space



### 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 (OSHA), 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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