CONFINED SPACE

These practices apply in addition to the Cal/OSHA confined space standards (Title 8, section 5157, permit-required confined spaces, and section 5158, other confined space operations). Before work begins, the employer must identify confined spaces and determine whether each is a permit-required confined space. For permit spaces the employer must have a written permit space program, issue an entry permit, and train entrants, attendants and entry supervisors. Notify Warner Bros. S&EA before any confined space entry.

- A permit-required confined space (one that contains or could contain a hazardous atmosphere, an engulfment hazard, inwardly converging walls or a sloping floor, or any other recognized serious hazard) requires a written entry permit signed by the entry supervisor before entry. The permit must be posted at the entry point and canceled when the job is complete.
- Employers must train all authorized entrants, attendants and entry supervisors before they are assigned duties, and must keep training records. Employees who are not authorized must be kept out of permit spaces.
- Where more than one employer is involved, the host employer and contractors must exchange information on hazards and coordinate entry operations (Title 8, section 5157).
- Before entering a confined space, all lines to that space (carrying inert, toxic, flammable, or corrosive materials) are to be shut down, valved off, blanked, or disconnected and separated and locked and tagged out.
- Natural or mechanical ventilation will be provided before and during entry as needed to maintain an acceptable atmosphere.
- Before entering a confined space, the atmosphere must be tested with a calibrated direct-reading instrument, in this order: oxygen (acceptable range 19.5% to 23.5%), flammable gases and vapors (below 10% of the lower explosive limit), then toxic substances. Results must be recorded on the entry permit.
- The atmosphere inside a confined space will be continuously monitored where feasible during the conduct of work; otherwise it will be tested at the frequency specified on the entry permit.
- An attendant must be stationed outside the permit space for the entire entry. The attendant monitors the entrants, keeps an accurate count of who is inside, communicates with them, and summons rescue and emergency services when needed.
- The attendant must not enter the permit space to attempt a rescue. Non-entry rescue (retrieval lines or systems) should be used whenever possible; entry rescue may be performed only by trained and equipped rescue personnel.
- A rescue service, if required, must be designated and available before entry begins, and the employer must confirm that it can respond in a timely manner.
- An effective means of communication must be maintained between entrants and the attendant at all times during entry.
- Before gas welding or burning in a confined space, all hoses will be checked for leaks. Torches will be lit outside of the confined space. The atmosphere inside the confined space will be tested for explosive potential before any flame enters.
- Compressed gas cylinders of any kind (including welding and cutting gases) must remain outside the confined space.
- If employees are to use oxygen-consuming equipment inside a confined space, sufficient air will be provided to ensure combustion will not reduce the oxygen concentration in the atmosphere to below 19.5%.
- If combustion equipment is used inside a confined space, exhaust gasses will be vented out.
- Each confined space will be checked for decaying vegetation or animal matter which may produce methane.

- Outside vehicle exhaust shall not be permitted to enter a confined space.