



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



Confined Space Safety Message

According to OSHA, there are three characteristics of confined spaces:

1. It is big enough for a person to fit his or her entire body.
2. It is restrictive for the person when he or she is entering and exiting.
3. The space is not meant for someone to stay in for a long period of time.

There are many rules associated with entering a confined space but perhaps the **Golden Rule** of them all is Check and Monitor the atmosphere before entering.

OSHA has very specific rules for confined space entry and work. In general they can be outlined as the following:

- * Monitor the atmosphere
- * Eliminate or control hazards
- * Ventilate the space
- * Use proper personal protective equipment
- * Isolate the space
- * Have a trained attendant
- * Be prepared for rescues
- * Plan for emergencies
- * Emphasize constant communication

It's critical that we each follow all the procedures put in place to ensure each of us goes home after the work is done. It's so easy to get caught up in the moment and try to help out and yet become a victim ourselves.