Confined Spaces

Structure Construction (SC) personnel must be trained in confined space safety protocols prior to engaging in any work that involves a confined space. Additionally, refresher training must be provided every two years. Contact the SC Safety Liaison\(^1\) or the local District Construction Safety Officer for available training.

The *Cal/OSHA General Industry Safety Orders*, Sections 5156 through 5159, establish minimum safety standards for construction operations performed within confined spaces. The full regulations are available on the Cal/OSHA webpage\(^2\).

The *Caltrans Safety and Health Manual*, Chapter 14, *Confined Spaces*, provides confined space safety protocols, which is available on the Caltrans Administration Health and Safety webpage\(^3\).

The *Structure Construction Code of Safe Practices* provides training requirements and safety protocols for confined space operations, which is available on the SC webpage under the safety tab\(^4\).

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\(^1\) email: osc.administration@dot.ca.gov

\(^2\) [http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sb7g16a108.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/sb7g16a108.html).

\(^3\) [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/opo/safety/safetymanual_toe.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/opo/safety/safetymanual_toe.htm).

\(^4\) [http://onramp.dot.ca.gov/hq/oscnet/](http://onramp.dot.ca.gov/hq/oscnet/)