DEFINING A
CONFINED SPACE

A decision guide to the Confined Spaces Regulations 1997

Is the space totally or largely enclosed?

NO

YES

IS THERE A RISK OF:

- Fire or explosion
- Loss of consciousness due to gas, fume, vapour or lack of oxygen
- Loss of consciousness due to an increase in body temperature
- Drowning due to rising liquid level
- Asphyxiation due to free-flowing solids

YES

NO

Could the proposed work introduce any of these risks?

YES

NO

CONFINED SPACE

The space IS a confined space and is subject to the Confined Spaces Regulations.

NOT A CONFINED SPACE

The space is NOT classified as a confined space under these Regulations.

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