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9.1.4.1 Requirements.

The Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 required the STR to:

- Avoid entry to confined spaces, e.g., by doing the work from the outside.
- If entry to a confined space is unavoidable, follow an agreed safe system of work.
- Put in place adequate emergency arrangements before the work commences.

Additionally, The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require the STR to carry out a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks for all work activities for the purpose of deciding what measures are necessary for safety. In the context of work in confined spaces this means identifying the hazards present, assessing the risks, and determining the precautions to be taken.

9.1.4.2 Arrangements.

Whenever possible, any confined space work is carried out by suitably competent and resourced approved contractors. Such work must be planned, controlled and supervised and method statements approved by the Chair of the Trustees / STR Health & Safety Adviser prior to work commencing.

STR staff & volunteers are not normally permitted to enter or work in any area defined as a confined space.


Work in these areas is only permitted where a suitable risk assessment has been completed and a written safe system of work developed and approved by the Chair of Trustees / STR Health & Safety Adviser. Such a safe system must include safe means of access and egress, emergency procedures, provision of adequate lighting and ventilation and the presence of a person assisting from outside of the confined space.

Any confined space entry either by an approved contractor or an STR member of staff or volunteer must be supervised by the DOM / Responsible Person.

9.1.4.3 Applicable Legislation.

Confined Spaces Regulations 1997.

The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

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9.1.4.4 References.

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9.1.4.5 Documentation.

Risk Assessment.

Method statements.

STR pre-work approval.

STR work in progress inspection record.