GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Confined spaces may be entered without a permit only after a confined space entry supervisor has completed a hazard evaluation and determined that the space is safe to enter. Any space designated permit required on the CSUB list may not be entered without a full permit. The following rules apply to all confined space entries.

Isolate the space from sources of hazardous energy using locks and tags.

Provide adequate ventilation and illumination.

Provide exhaust ventilation if combustion driven equipment is to be used.

Make certain that vehicle and/or equipment exhaust does not drift into the space.

Guard openings to prevent accidental falls by persons or objects into the space.

Continuous air monitoring must be conducted for the duration of the entry.

Workers must immediately evacuate the space if the air monitor sounds an alarm.

Never take compressed gas cylinders (except breathing air) into a confined space.

Portable electric tools, equipment and lighting must be equipped with ground fault interrupters.

Ladders must be adequately secured or of a permanent type.
PERMIT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An entry supervisor must perform the hazard evaluation and complete the full permit prior to any entry into a permit required confined space. A signed permit authorizes entry only under the defined conditions for the purpose and duration stated. The completed permit must be made available to all permit space entrants at the site. The general confined space entry requirements apply to permit-required entries. In addition, the following rules must also be observed in permit-required spaces.

The duration of the permit should not exceed the time required to accomplish the task or a maximum of 24 hours.

All ignition sources should be at least 20 feet away from the entry to a confined space that may contain a flammable atmosphere.

An attendant, outside the confined space, must maintain communication with the entrants for the duration of the entry. Person to person voice communication may only be used if a line of sight can be maintained.

A body harness and/or a safety belt with D rings on the back must be attached to a life line retrieval system and worn at all times during a permit required entries that involve non-atmospheric hazards. Safety lines must be 1/2” in diameter and have a test strength of 2000 pounds.

Only explosion proof lighting should be used if there is any chance of encountering a flammable atmosphere.

Life jackets should be worn if workers are exposed to falls into any liquid over four feet in depth.

Emergency communication equipment must be provided. Notify CSUB Public Safety of permit entry operations, so that they are prepared to expedite emergency response if necessary.

Continuous forced air ventilation must be provided for hot work, chemical use or to eliminate other hazardous atmospheric conditions.