

GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT
Standard Operating Guideline

GUIDELINE: CONFINED SPACE RESCUES			SECTION: 215
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ARRIVAL ON SCENE

1. The first unit on scene should position the apparatus appropriately
2. The first arriving officer shall establish command and complete an initial size-up including
 - a. Secure any witnesses
 - b. Obtain the confined space entry permit and any other available information
 - c. Location, number, condition of victims, and length of time in confined space
 - d. Any scene hazards
 - e. Type of work being done in confined space
 - f. Type of PPE being used by victim(s)
 - g. Determination of rescue or recovery mode
 - h. Determination of additional resources

SCENE SAFETY

1. Ensure operations are done in compliance with NFPA and OSHA standards, and in particular 29 CFR 1910.146
2. Ensure that unauthorized/untrained personnel do not enter the confined space
3. Ensure lock out/tag out of utilities
4. Establish atmospheric monitoring and it shall be maintained throughout the operation
5. The attendant has the authority, along with the Incident Commander and the Safety Officer, to order the evacuation of the confined space at any time

INCIDENT ACTIONS

1. If the victim is attached to a body harness and retrieval line, the rescuers may attempt to retrieve the victim from the confined space
2. Attempt to establish contact with the victim(s)
3. Establish ventilation of the confined space
4. A minimum of a two-person team should be assigned to make entry, with a minimum of a two-person back-up team
5. SCBA shall be worn by personnel entering the confined space unless the safety of the atmosphere can be established and maintained
6. Entry personnel shall utilize a harness and retrieval system that meet the requirements of NFPA 1983
7. When the victim is reached the entry team should determine if medical treatment should start or if they need to be removed immediately.