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Talk No. 49			SPACES
Start time		End	Duration

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Confined spaces can be found in many places, tanks, drains, manholes, sewers and even some types of construction sites. Some are more obvious than others, but confined spaces are often realised.

2. Main Points:

- 2.1 Consider what may be on your site!
- 2.2 A risk assessment should be carried out on all confined spaces.
- 2.3 Never ever work alone

3. Points to remember

- 3.1 Hazards include oxygen deficiency, suffocation, toxic and flammable atmosphere (gas, liquid, solid, biological hazards (Weil's disease) etc.
- 3.2 Confined space atmosphere should be checked prior to entry.
- 3.3 Suitable PPE should be worn. This may include breathing apparatus and may require specialist training.
- 3.4 Employees working in confined spaces should be fit and healthy.
- 3.5 Permit to work system should be used where applicable (these should include rescue procedures).
- 3.6 Work in confined spaces should be supervised, either physically or by communications/mobile phone (ensure backup and member failure procedures).
- 3.7 Ensure any recovery equipment is tested and serviceable prior to starting work.
- 3.8 Ensure all know the location of the nearest telephone etc.
- 3.9 Don't attempt a rescue unless you are trained and have the alarm.
- 3.10 Always leave a contact person outside if told to do so.
- 3.11 Don't eat, drink, smoke or use mobile phones in confined spaces or in close proximity to entry.
- 3.12 Ensure there is suitable lighting.
- 3.13 Remain alert to any changes in the environment. If in doubt - get out.

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ATTENTION SHEET

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All operatives **listed and signed** below Box Talk.

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