

## Rapid Spray Policy: Tanks - Confined Spaces

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**WARNING: Entering any Rapid Spray tank without the proper PPE or supervision could cause serious injury or death.**

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### WARNINGS

1. All Rapid Spray tanks are considered Confined Spaces.
2. **Only personnel who have been trained and competent are allowed to enter and work in confined spaces.**
3. Before entering a Rapid Spray tank, ensure you have an “observer” and an emergency exit plan. An observer should not be distracted with other tasks. The Observer should be in place and ready to help in an emergency.
4. Ensure tank is EMPTY of any liquid before entering into tank.
5. Do not wear any loose clothing that could get caught. Wear all the required PPE.
6. Do not smoke in confined spaces.

### SERIOUS INJURY

Working incorrectly in confined spaces could result in injuries such as Asphyxiation (oxygen deficiency, flammability, toxicity), fall from heights, electrocution (wet tanks and electric tools), burns (possible residues of chemicals and dusts) or drowning (tanks still containing liquid).

Be aware of over heating during summer months. Air inside tanks becomes very hot and stale quickly.

### IDENTIFY RISKS & PREPARE

1. Identify and assess any risk prior to accessing the confined space (i.e. air pollution, existing chemicals, vapours or liquid).
2. Test air quality. Purge air prior to accessing if deemed necessary.
3. Ensure confined space is secure (tank is stable and exit is available, oven door is open and secured)
4. Ensure electrical/tools are away from any wet areas.
5. Ensure another worker is in attendance and assisting with repair or work.
6. Assisted air (Blower) is ON and ducted into confined space.

### SAFE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

**Personnel working in confined spaces must be competent persons who have practical knowledge and relevant experience.**

1. Secure tank area for entry (ensure adequate opening size, stable work platform, ingress and egress points)
2. Inspect tank and ascertain if it is confined space, i.e. enclosed, limited access, and not usual place of work or ventilation is an issue.
3. Remove or protect against possible residue chemicals.
4. Ensure tank is stable and blocked to limit movement

5. Observer in place and ready
6. Enter into cavity/space using ladder OR turn tank on side and exit from side/top
7. Continual comms and visual with Observer – leave lid open
8. Ensure re-circulated air (Blower) is ON – with blower unit clear of air flow/suction intake
9. Use only Battery powered tools when in 'wet' tank
10. On completion remove all tools and equipment
11. Exit the space via ladder (or not)
12. Wash hands if in contact with cutting parts or fluids

#### **ADDITIONAL CONTROLS**

Ensure equipment for emergency rescue are on hand when accessing confined space (large tanks).

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Rapid Spray takes no responsibility for the unsafe practises involving Rapid Spray tanks.

#### **CONTACT US**

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