

Discrepancies in Confined Space Assessments



Major Discrepancies (F)

Major Discrepancies are awarded for any single event that may lead to the loss of life, injury, gear failure or damage.

Awarding a single Major Discrepancy (F) will result in the termination of the assessment.

Assessments must be conducted in a safe atmosphere (clean air).

Major Discrepancies are groups into these areas:

- F1 Fails to achieve criteria in skill assessment form
- F2 Fails to make continued progression through entire assessment
- F3 Task not completed
- F4 Attempts confined space entry with supplied air or self-contained breathing apparatus below acceptable amount of rated pressure (based on local requirements of the geographical training location [i.e., Europe, Asia, North America, etc.]
- F5 Entering or attempts to enter confined space without permit
- F6 Fails to identify and/or appropriately assess and mitigate hazards (isolate hazards, i.e., Lock Out, Ventilation/Duct, or exhaust system not deployed when applicable)
- F7 Applies technique that compromises rescuer or victim safety
- F8 Fails to interpret gas meter/detection reading correctly
- F9 Fails to respond appropriately to gas meter/detection alarm
- F10 Fails to respond or acknowledge the low air alarm from SCBA/SAR
- F11 Poor technique that allows an unsafe condition to develop (any single event that may lead to the loss of life, injury, gear failure or damage)
- F12 Fraud, cheating or coaching.
- F13 Actions or inactions cause injury to self or others without reasonable cause

Minor Discrepancies (D)

Minor discrepancies are any action or event that may lead to an unsafe condition to develop.

Being awarded three (3) Minors (D) will result in the termination of the assessment.

Minor discrepancies are grouped into these main areas:

- D1 Attachment connection not secure
- D2 Equipment dropped in a confined space
- D3 Suitable equipment for task not carried
- D4 Ropes when placed are not adequately protected
- D5 Helmet: No helmet in warm zone or chinstrap unfastened in hot zone
- D6 Poor or incorrect use of equipment against mfg directions, etc.
- D7 Fails to make continued progression through individual task
- D8 Fails to establish team roles (Entrant, attendant, Supervisor, etc. – Terminology of this is dependent on training location)
- D9 Fails to establish RIT/Emergency Rescue Team (terminology of this is dependent on training location)
- D10 Unable to recall basic requirements of local confined space regulations/ordinances
- D11 Fails to ensure gas meter/detection is calibrated and bump tested prior to use
- D12 Insufficient personal hygiene methods used (i.e. lack of decontamination)
- D13 Ventilation or exhaust systems not sufficient or correctly configured