Chapter 2.2   Confined Space Identification
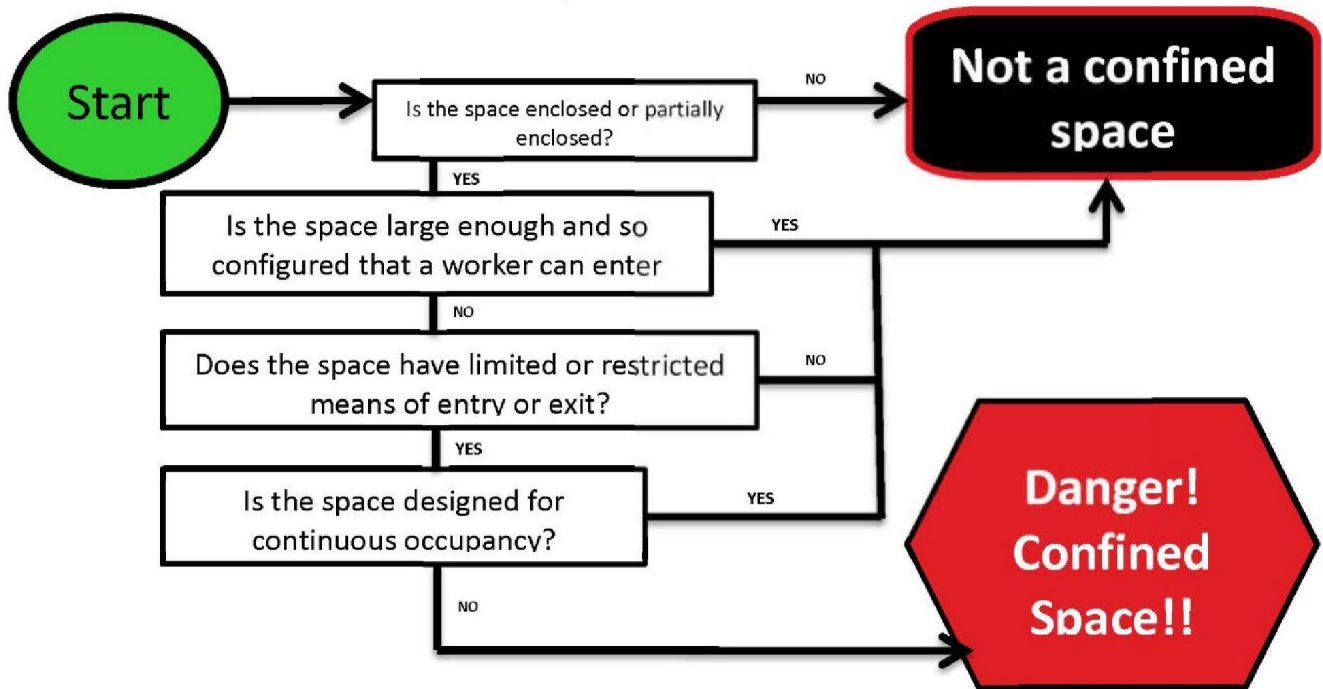
Confined spaces can be difficult to identify. Legislation gives a broad overview of what constitutes a confined space, but how can workers be certain if they are about to enter one? The following flowchart outlines a common process used to identify whether a space is considered a confined space or not

Confined Space Identification Flow Chart

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┌─────────┐         ┌─────────────────────────┐    NO    ┌──────────────────┐
│  Start  │────────▶│ Is the space enclosed or │────────▶│  Not a confined  │
└─────────┘         │ partially enclosed?      │         │      space       │
                    └─────────────────────────┘         └──────────────────┘
                              │ YES                               ▲
                    ┌──────────────────────────┐   YES            │
                    │ Is the space large enough │──────────────────┤
                    │ and so configured that a  │                  │
                    │ worker can enter          │                  │
                    └──────────────────────────┘                  │
                              │ NO                                 │
                    ┌──────────────────────────┐   NO             │
                    │ Does the space have      │──────────────────┘
                    │ limited or restricted    │
                    │ means of entry or exit?  │
                    └──────────────────────────┘        ┌──────────────────┐
                              │ YES                      │     Danger!      │
                    ┌──────────────────────────┐  YES    │    Confined      │
                    │ Is the space designed for │────────▶│    Space!!       │
                    │ continuous occupancy?     │         └──────────────────┘
                    └──────────────────────────┘
                              │ NO                                 ▲
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Confined Space Identification Chart

	Not a Confined Space	Confined Space
Is the space enclosed or partially enclosed?	NO	YES
Is the space large enough and so configured that an employee can enter and perform assigned work?	YES	NO
Does the space have limited or restricted means of entry or exit?	NO	YES
Is the space designed for continuous human occupancy?	YES	NO
If answers only appear in GREEN, then the space is NOT A CONFINED SPACE. If answers appear in BOTH GREEN AND RED, or ONLY RED, then the space is a CONFINED SPACE.		
The space is:	Not a Confined Space	Confined Space