

### 9.3.2 Rescue Plan

A Rescue Plan must be documented in the Confined Space Permit (MAC-STE-FRM-195) and is a mandatory requirement for authorisation to enter any confined space. Where the rescue plan is extensive and is detailed in a stand-alone document, the document must be appended to the Confined Space Permit for review by the Permit Authoriser. Any appended documents are considered part of the Confined Space Entry Permit.

Regardless of whether a stand alone document or the permit rescue plan is being used, the Rescue Plan must:

- Provide details on the emergency response plan including who, how and what will be undertaken to rescue entrants.
- Include any required emergency response equipment.

The permit holder is required to review and endorse the rescue plan in the Confined Space permit with particular attention given to the following points:

- Confirm that the listed rescue plan is practical given the task and environment
- Confirm that all team members know and understand the rescue plan
- Confirm that all required rescue equipment is located and erected at the job (where applicable)

### 9.4.5 Standby Person

All confined space entries require a minimum of one Standby person. The Standby person will read and understand all conditions of entry recorded on the Work Permit, Confined Space Entry Permit and JHA.

The Standby person must:

- Not leave the confined space entry point under any circumstances while personnel are inside the confined space.
- Pay particular attention that continuous atmospheric monitoring is conducted strictly in accordance with instructions on the Confined Space Entry Permit.
- Remain aware at all times of the condition of the personnel inside the confined space.
- Remain in continuous communication with personnel working within the confined space.
- Log personnel into and out of the confined space.
- Ensure that an adequate entry point is maintained to the confined space.
- Block off the confined space entry point when all personnel leave the confined space.

The Standby person has the authority to suspend confined space work if:

- Personnel do not comply with the requirements of the Confined Space Entry Permit and/ or JHA,
- Personnel fail to comply with the Standby Person's instructions,
- There is a failure in the ventilation of the confined space,
- Gas monitoring equipment sounds an alarm,
- Failure of any other system in place to ensure safety of entrants, or
- If the emergency response team is mobilised for another incident and are not available.

In all instances of suspension of confined space work the Standby person must immediately inform the Permit Holder and Authoriser of the actions taken and the reasons why. The Permit Authoriser must then determine the action necessary before work can proceed or if a new Confined Space Entry Permit is required.

In the event of an emergency the Standby person must know how to immediately raise the alarm should an emergency occur to personnel inside the confined space. This must be conducted in accordance with MAC-STE-PRO-007 Notification of Emergency Procedure. The Standby person must not enter into the confined space to attempt a rescue. The Standby person may however assist the emergency crew, if requested, in responding to the emergency.

The standby person can also be the gas tester.