

# SAFETY ALERT

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## Confined Space

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### 1. WHAT HAPPENED?

There have been a number of breaches in confined space procedures and incidents on IW site where emergency arrangements were not in place prior to entry.

- **March 2019** Operative entered confined space without appropriate rescue equipment.
- **April 2019** Operative entered a 3.5m deep tank without the necessary confined space training ticket or the relevant permit to work checklist completed.
- **May 2019** Operative entered approximately 2.2M deep manhole without adequate training or appropriate rescue equipment.

### 2. IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- In all incidents works were ceased until a safe system of work was implemented.

### 3. ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ensure all operatives are aware at induction training that only specialised trained operatives are permitted access into confined spaces.
- Ensure operatives are made aware of confined space locations.
- Ensure a location specific rescue plan is communicated and understood by all involved with confined space entry.
- Ensure all rescue equipment is in place and adequately inspected prior to use.

### 4. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on this safety alert please contact [hsqe@water.ie](mailto:hsqe@water.ie). Please click on [Link](#) to read HSA Code of practice for working in confined spaces.

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