

**WORKSAFE SERVICES DIVISION  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY  
LEGISLATIVE INTERPRETATIONS**



<b>Topic</b>	Confined Space - Definition	Issued by: V.P., WorkSafe Services
<b>Statute</b>	<i>Regulation 91-191</i>	Date Issued: April 12, 1999
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**262** In this part

“confined space” means <sup>(1)</sup> an enclosed or partially enclosed space <sup>(2)</sup> not designed or intended for continuous human occupancy <sup>(3)</sup> with restricted access or egress and <sup>(4)</sup> which is or may become hazardous to a person entering it because of its design, construction, location, atmosphere or the materials or substances in it or other conditions, but does not include a development heading in an underground mine;

**Question**

Are confined space entry requirements necessary for entry into a blender or flake storage bin?

**Response**

In order to require adherence to **every** measure in the Confined Space part, the vessel must meet **all four** of the conditions in the definition. Presence of one or more full sized doors, for instance, will eliminate criteria #3. Other factors may eliminate other criteria that would eliminate the need to take all the precautions set out in sections 263 - 272. It does not, however, eliminate the need to take precautions appropriate to the risks associated with entering the vessel. Officers should expect to see a list of precautions the employer requires before work can be done on such vessels that are less than full confined spaces, but are more restricted than normal work areas.