

Attic Work & Limited Access

TRADE: INSULATION & WEATHERIZATION

LEADER GUIDE: 8-12 MINUTES

USE WHAT FITS TODAY

LEADER NOTE

Do not read this sheet word-for-word. Pick the sections that match today's task, point to the actual equipment/work area, and get the crew to answer the questions out loud.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Today's topic is Attic Work & Limited Access. Focus on heat, weak walking surfaces and restricted movement, then walk the crew through the actual setup, work area and stop-work conditions. A confined space can become dangerous without anything looking dramatic from outside. Oxygen deficiency, toxic or flammable atmospheres, engulfment, energy sources and rescue limitations must be addressed before entry, and conditions must be monitored as required during the work.

A SCENARIO TO DISCUSS

During Attic Work & Limited Access, the attendant loses reliable communication or is pulled away to another duty. The entrant feels fine and the task is nearly complete. What must happen before work continues?

BEFORE WORK STARTS

- Evaluate/classify the space and complete the required permit, isolation, testing and rescue arrangements before entry.
- Calibrate/bump-check monitoring equipment as required and establish the testing locations and sequence.
- Verify ventilation, communication and attendant/entrant/supervisor roles before anyone enters.
- Plan water, rest, shade/cooling and workload adjustments for the heat conditions and worker acclimatization.
- Encourage frequent drinking before workers become thirsty and watch for early heat-illness symptoms.

SAFE WORK SEQUENCE / CONTROLS

- Plan water, rest, shade/cooling and workload adjustments for the heat conditions and worker acclimatization.
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- Use buddy checks and increase supervision during high heat or unusually heavy work.
- Know the emergency response for confusion, fainting, seizures or other signs of heat stroke.

QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD CHANGE THE JOB

1. What makes this space confined, and what condition makes it permit-required or otherwise restricted for today's work?
2. What atmospheric hazards are we testing for, where are we testing, and what reading stops entry?
3. Who is the entrant, attendant, and entry supervisor, and can each person explain the job without reading the form?

COMMON FAILURE POINTS

- Entering before the space is fully evaluated, isolated and tested.
- Treating one acceptable air reading as proof that the atmosphere will stay acceptable.
- Planning rescue after the emergency instead of before entry.

STOP AND RESET IF...

- The space has not been evaluated/classified or the required permit, testing or rescue provisions are incomplete.
- Atmospheric readings move outside acceptable limits or ventilation/monitoring fails.
- An energy, flow, engulfment or configuration hazard appears that is not controlled by the entry plan.

4. What is the rescue method if an entrant cannot self-rescue, and is that rescue capability actually available right now?
5. What must happen before work continues?

MAKE IT REAL ON THE JOB

Show the actual meter, ventilation and rescue equipment and identify who is entrant/attendant/supervisor.

BEFORE YOU RELEASE THE CREW

Before the crew starts, everyone should be able to explain the hazard, point to the control being used today, and name the condition that would make the work stop.

ATTENDANCE & SIGN-OFF

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Project / Job:		Date:	
Talk leader:		Location:	

CREW ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing, attendees confirm they participated in this toolbox talk and had the opportunity to raise job-specific questions. Signatures do not replace required training, qualifications, permits or certifications.

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QUESTIONS / CONDITIONS / CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

END-OF-TALK CHECK

☐ Crew can point to the main hazard.	☐ Critical control is in place and usable.
☐ The responsible person/check is clear.	☐ Stop/re-brief conditions were discussed.