

**Confined Space Accidents and Fatalities From www.safetynews.co.uk
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www.safetynews.co.uk began compiling accident and fatality incidents in April of 2007. The following are accidents and fatalities involving confined spaces taken from their website. The majority involve work inside, on, or around confined spaces. There are some that may not actually involve confined spaces and are better characterized as machine guarding incidents. Occasionally, there are also some included simply because they were so bizarre. Trenching fatalities are not included. Accidents and fatalities involving mines, quarries, pits, and tunnels are included separately at the end of the document, as they are rarely regulated as confined spaces.

March 2014

England

Man trapped by feet after fall into slurry tank

A man in his 60's was admitted to Ipswich Hospital yesterday after being rescued from a slurry tank at a farm in Otley where his feet had become trapped under a concrete block. He and a colleague had been standing on the concrete cover of the tank which failed to bear their weight. The other man attempted to rescue him from the 3-metre deep tank in which there was almost a metre of slurry. Suffolk fire crews completed the rescue in around 3 hours. 5th March 2014

Canada

Worker killed in 12-storey fall down Montreal lift shaft

A 36-year old construction worker was killed yesterday in a fall of around 12 storeys down an elevator shaft in a building under construction on Saint-Charles West in the Vieux Longueuil district of Montreal. 6th March 2014

Argentina

Plumber dies in 12-storey fall down lift shaft

A 22-year old plumber has died in a 12-storey fall down an open lift shaft at a building under construction in the Nuevo Cordoba district of Cordoba where he had been working with his uncle installing water tanks. 10th March 2014

Canada

H₂S fatality in sewage station

A 40-year old worker died in a confined space accident while inspecting a sewage lift station in Torquay, Saskatchewan, where he was found dead at the bottom of the lift station having apparently been overcome by hydrogen sulphide. 18th March 2014

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India

7 dead in confined space accident in dye unit tank

Seven workers have died in a confined space accident on Tuesday in a tank at the KPR Mill's dyeing unit on the SIPCOT (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu) in Erode. One worker had descended the steps into the tank to repair a malfunctioning pump and was overcome in the oxygen-deficient atmosphere. The others were all overcome in the atmosphere issuing from a heavy sludge residue in the bottom of the tank. 19th March 2014

USA

Contractor killed in fall from Maryland water tower

OSHA in Maryland is investigating a fatal accident in Pasadena where a 21-year old contractor has died in an estimated 60-metre fall from a water tower on Mountain Road. 20th March 2014

Germany

Seaman injured in fall through hatch of Faroese fishing boat

A 38-year old Russian seaman of the trawler Helene from the Faroe Islands was listed in critical condition in the University Hospital in Rostock after being injured in a 4-metre fall through an open hatch while the boat was berthed at a quay at the fish market in Rostock. 21st March 2014

Australia

Worker swept away into Sydney storm water drain

A worker at a waste management and recycling facility in Lucas Heights, Sydney, was swept away to his death in a storm water drain during torrential rain and flooding. 25th March 2014

Italy

Modena worker's legs caught in compaction unit

A worker was admitted to Baggiovara Hospital in critical condition on Monday after his legs became trapped in a compaction unit at Cooperazione Agricola in Vignola, Modena. 25th March 2014

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St Kitts and Nevis

Maintenance worker's body found in airport lift shaft

Police investigation of an accident at Robert L Bradshaw airport has ruled it to have been industrial in respect of the death of a 31-year old maintenance worker whose body was found in a lift shaft where he had been undertaking maintenance work. 1st April 2014

**Accidents and Fatalities Involving Mines, Quarries, Pits, and Tunnels.
Includes Non-Confined Space Incidents**

Serbia

Electrician buried under coal ash slippage

A maintenance worker's body has been recovered from under a slippage of coal ash at the Cirkovac strip coal mine of Termoelektrana Kopovi Kostolac, the recovery of the body of the electrician of the Georad company posed difficulties for rescuers given the instability of the ash at the disposal site. 3rd March 2014

India

Subsidence accident at Tamil Nadu lignite mine

A 46-year old lignite mine worker has died after being buried alive when subsidence occurred as he was standing adjacent to an excavator moving sand at the Neyveli Lignite Corporation mine in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu. It took 2 hours to recover his body at the scene of the cave-in. 4th March 2014

South Africa

Electrician killed at gold mine

A fatal accident investigation has been launched at AngloGold Ashanti's Mponeng mine following the death of a maintenance worker in an accident involving heavy equipment. 5th March 2014

England

Subcontractor killed in accident on Crossrail project in central London

A 43-year old rail subcontractor was killed on Friday after being struck by concrete which fell in a tunnel as he was engaged in spraying concrete 10 metres underground in the tunnel at Holburn Station in Fisher Street, central London. 8th March 2014

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USA

Worker killed at Indiana mine

During maintenance work on underground machinery at a mine of Gibson County Coal, 30 miles north of Evansville, Indiana, an unexpected movement led to a fatal injury to a 41-year old worker, a colleague with him was unhurt. 26th March 2014

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