



PERMIT SPACE RESCUE DRILL EVALUATION

Vanguard Training Group | Annual rescue practice | 29 CFR 1910.146(k) | 29 CFR 1926.1211

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1. DRILL INFORMATION

1910.146(k)(2)(iv) | 1926.1211(b)(4)

Location / facility _____ Drill date _____

Evaluator _____ Drill no. _____

Space used: ☐ Actual permit space ☐ Representative space (same opening size, configuration, accessibility)

Space ID / description _____ Opening size and type _____ Depth / configuration _____

Rescue type: ☐ Non-entry (retrieval) ☐ Entry rescue ☐ Off-site service drill

Victim: ☐ Manikin / dummy ☐ Actual person ☐ Weight _____

Scenario (hazards simulated, victim position, injuries) _____

2. RESCUE TEAM (list everyone who took part)

1910.146(k)(2)(i)-(iii) | 1926.1211(b)(1)-(3)

#	Name	Drill role	Entrant trained	First aid / CPR cert. expires	Initials
1			☐		
2			☐		
3			☐		
4			☐		
5			☐		
6			☐		

At least one team member must hold current first aid and CPR certification (1910.146(k)(2)(iii); 1926.1211(b)(3)). Rescuers must be trained as authorized entrants and in their rescue duties and PPE (k)(2)(i)-(ii).

3. TIMING (clock time; elapsed from the summons)

1910.146(k)(1)(i), (k)(1)(iii)(A) | 1926.1211(a)

Event	Clock time	Elapsed (min:sec)	Notes
Rescue summoned (alarm / call)			
Team at the portal			
Atmosphere tested; rescue system ready			
Rescuer entry (if entry rescue)			
Contact with victim			
Victim packaged			
Victim out of the space			
Handed to EMS / drill ended			

Target response time for this space's hazards _____ Met? Y / N _____

OSHA sets no fixed time: rescue must be able to reach the victim within a time frame appropriate for the hazards (for an IDLH atmosphere, a standby capable of immediate action). See 1910.146 App. F for evaluation criteria.



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4. EQUIPMENT (check if present, inspected before use, and used correctly)

1910.146(k)(2)(i), (k)(3) | 1926.1211(b)(1), (c)

☐ Tripod / davit	☐ Mechanical winch / SRL-R	☐ Full-body harnesses	☐ Wristlets / anklets	☐ Rope rescue system
☐ Litter / SKED / vest	☐ Gas monitor (bumped)	☐ SCBA / supplied air	☐ Ventilation blower	☐ Radios / comms
☐ Lighting (rated)	☐ First aid / AED	☐ PPE for rescuers	☐ Barricades / signs	☐ Other _____

5. PERFORMANCE (Sat. / Unsat. each item)

1910.146(k) | 1926.1211

#	Performance item	Reference	Crit.	Sat.	Unsat.	Notes
1	Size-up: confirms the space, the number of victims, the hazards and the entry permit / SDS information; secures the scene.	(k)(1)(iv) 1211(a)(4)		☐	☐	
2	Keeps untrained people out: attendant does non-entry rescue only; nobody enters without rescue training and equipment.	(i)(4), (k)(2) 1209(d)	◆	☐	☐	
3	Tests the atmosphere (O ₂ , flammables, toxics in order) before rescuer entry and monitors continuously.	(d)(5)(iii) 1204(e)(3)	◆	☐	☐	
4	Keeps isolation / LOTO and ventilation in place; adds ventilation if needed.	(d)(3) 1204(c)		☐	☐	
5	Selects rescuer respiratory protection for the atmosphere (IDLH or unknown = SCBA, or supplied air with escape cylinder).	1910.134(d)(2)	◆	☐	☐	
6	Rescuer entering is in a harness on a retrieval / belay system, attended, with communication to the outside.	(k)(3) 1211(c)	◆	☐	☐	
7	Rigs the haul / lowering system correctly: anchors, mechanical advantage, brake or progress capture, edge protection.	Manufacturer; VTG	◆	☐	☐	
8	Reaches the victim, assesses (airway, breathing, circulation, spinal concern) and gives first aid / CPR as needed.	(k)(2)(iii) 1211(b)(3)		☐	☐	
9	Packages the victim for the opening and configuration: litter or harness, secured, protected from the opening edges.	(k)(2)(iv) 1211(b)(4)		☐	☐	
10	Removes the victim without injury to rescuers or victim; maintains accountability of all rescuers.	(k)(2)(iv) 1211(b)(4)	◆	☐	☐	
11	Hands off to EMS with exposure information (SDS) for the treating medical facility.	(k)(4) 1211(d)		☐	☐	
12	Team communicates clearly and the team leader keeps control throughout.	VTG		☐	☐	

6. CRITIQUE AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (debrief with the whole team)

What went well: _____

Deficiencies observed: _____

#	Corrective action	Responsible	Due date	Done
1	_____	_____	_____	☐
2	_____	_____	_____	☐
3	_____	_____	_____	☐

7. RESULT, NEXT DRILL AND SIGNATURES

1910.146(k)(2)(iv) | 1926.1211(b)(4)

Overall drill result: ☐ SATISFACTORY ☐ UNSATISFACTORY: repeat drill required

Next practice due (at least once every 12 months) _____ Off-site service evaluated per (k)(1) / App. F on _____

Construction (1926.1211(b)(4)): practice is also required before attempting an actual rescue; it is not required if the team properly performed a rescue in the last 12 months in the same or a similar permit space.

Role	Name (print)	Signature	Date
Evaluator	_____	_____	_____
Team leader	_____	_____	_____

REFERENCES: 29 CFR 1910.146(k) Rescue and emergency services and App. F; 29 CFR 1926.1211 Rescue and emergency services; 29 CFR 1910.134 Respiratory protection; 1910.151 / 1926.50 first aid and CPR; ANSI/ASSP Z117.1 Safety Requirements for Entering Confined Spaces; ANSI/ASSP Z359 Fall Protection Code (rescue and retrieval equipment); manufacturer instructions; VTG-CS-PRMT-001.