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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.**

**August 2014**

**USA**

**Worker dies in ethanol confined space accident in rail wagon**

A Nevada worker has died in an apparent confined space accident having entered a rail wagon at a yard in north Las Vegas and being overcome by fumes, an atmosphere check of the wagon found high levels of ethanol vapour. 4th August 2014

**Scotland**

**Teenager dies in fall in farm silo**

The HSE is investigating a fatal accident at Deanfoot Farm near Denholm in the Borders where a 19-year old man has died in a fall in a 17-metre high silo, it was unclear whether it was storing grain or silage. 4th August 2014

**Belgium**

**2 workers died in confined space accident on West Flanders farm**

Two workers died in a confined space accident yesterday during the emptying of a cesspit at a farm on Oude Molenstraat in Alveringem, West Flanders. After the first worker was overcome by ammonia fumes the second man was similarly overcome while attempting a rescue. Both men were rescued unconscious and died shortly after transfer to hospital in Ypres. 8th August 2014

**Mexico**

**3 dead in coke tank explosion at refinery**

Three workers were killed in an explosion at the Ciudad Madero Pemex refinery during maintenance work on a coking unit when gas from coke residue exploded in the empty coke tank. 11th August 2014

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India

**Boiler ash issued on workers**

Hot ash issuing from Unit 7 boiler at the National Thermal Power Corporation in Korba injured 8 workers, including 2 engineers, the workers were transferred to hospital in Billaspur, 1 worker has 65% burns. 8th August 2014

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

Turkey

**Miners rescued after cave-in at Black Sea pit**

Nine coal miners were successfully rescued from a private mine in Zonguldak following a cave-in which left them trapped in a 20-metre deep hole in the pit on the Black Sea. 13th August 2014

South Africa

**Tramming fatality at Free State gold mine**

A gold miner has died in a tramming accident at the Tshepong mine of Harmony Gold at Welkom in the Free State. 27th August 2014

Northern Ireland

**Man killed in quarry accident**

HSENI is investigating a fatal accident at a quarry near Coleraine where a worker died after being struck by an excavator bucket. 27th August 2014