

**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.

July 2014

Pakistan

Welding accident repairing oil tanker

Three welders sustained severe burns injuries and have been admitted to the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar following an explosion during hot metal work to repair a leak in an oil tanker at the Taru Jabba Oil Depot. 1st July 2014

USA

Kansas rail worker killed in fall into grain wagon

A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway worker died of suffocation after falling and sinking into a rail wagon of grain yesterday in a yard at Kansas Avenue in Kansas City. 15th July 2014

England

Fatal accident at West Norfolk grain silo

A man died yesterday in a fall at Larchwood Foods Ltd's grain silo on Swaffham Road, Fincham, Norfolk, details of the accident were not immediately available. 10th July 2014

USA

Worker killed in fall down lift shaft

A Kentucky worker has died in a fall down a lift shaft at the site of new student accommodation on the Belknap Campus of the University of Louisville, local police have been investigating the accident but foul play is not suspected. 18th July 2014

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Poland

7 die in confined space accident at village cesspool

Seven people died in a confined space accident yesterday at a cesspool in the village of Karczowka. Initial investigation of the accident indicates that after one person was overcome in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere the other 6 died in attempting a rescue. A 45-year old woman is believed to have survived the accident, she was airlifted by helicopter to hospital. Rescuers were still searching the relatively large facility in the event that there may have been more victims. 18th July 2014

Canada

Alberta worker killed in gravel crusher

A 51-year old worker of Contract Crushing Ltd has died in a crush accident on Monday after being drawn into the conveyor system of a gravel crusher during maintenance work at a site 120 miles north of Edmonton. 29th July 2014

USA

Worker killed in tank explosion at fish processing plant

A subcontractor was killed and 3 other workers were injured following an explosion on Monday at the Omega Protein fish processing plant in Moss Point, Mississippi. The victim was atop the tank undertaking maintenance and it is speculated that hot metal work may have been taking place. 29th July 2014

Italy

2 drivers dead in confined space leachate accident

Two HGV driver were killed in a confined space accident at the Kjklos composting facility in Aprilia. One of the drivers appears to have collapsed, overcome by fumes during the unloading of leachate; the other man may have been attempting a rescue of his colleague before himself being overcome, he subsequently fell into a storage tank. 29th July 2014

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

South Africa

Miner killed in rock fall

A coal miner was killed in a rock fall accident at the Arnot mine of Exxaro in Mpumalnga. 8th July 2014

Canada

Fatal accident at Alberta palladium mine

A worker was killed at the Lac des Iles palladium mine of North American Palladium 50 miles northwest of Thunder Bay when he was crushed under a large rock during rock moving with machinery half a mile underground. 14th July 2014

South Africa

Fall of ground kills Gauteng gold miner

A gold miner has died in a fall of ground accident during drilling work at the Doornkop mine in Gauteng. 31st July 201