

**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.

June 2014

Zambia

Copperbelt cement plant worker drawn into stone crusher

A 27-year old production worker has died in a crush accident at the Zambesi Portland Cement works in Ndola in the Copperbelt area 200 miles north of Lusaka after becoming caught in a conveyor system feeding material to machinery in the stone crushing plant. 2nd June 2014

USA

Worker killed in 5-storey fall down lift shaft at New York school site

A contract worker was killed in a 5-storey fall down a lift shaft at the site of a new school on 42nd Avenue in the Sunnyside area of New York. His fall brought down debris and material which hit another worker on the 4th floor. The latter was listed in stable condition in the city's Elmhurst Hospital. 6th June 2014

UAE

Worker dies, 4 injured in confined space accident in diesel tank

One worker died and 4 others were listed in stable condition in Kuwait Hospital following a confined space accident while they were cleaning a diesel tank and were overcome by fumes in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere in Khalid Port, Sharjah. 10th June 2014

USA

Utah refuse worker killed in crush accident

A refuse collector of Bob's Sanitation has died in a crush accident in Moab, Utah, during the unloading of waste at a depot, the vehicle had apparently emptied its load and the victim became caught between the rear of the lorry and its descending lift gate. 11th June 2014

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USA

Fatal accident at Indianapolis sewage tunnel site

A fatal accident investigation was launched at the Deep Rock Tunnel Connector, a network of sewage tunnels in southwest Indianapolis, where a 25-year old contractor of SKJV sustained fatal head injuries in an accident near South Tibbs Avenue, around 7 miles inside the tunnel and 80 metres underground. 16th June 2014

USA

Farm worker crushed in silo accident

A 27-year old farm worker died in a crush accident in a grain silo north of Wilton, North Dakota, when corn became unstable and collapsed on him. 18th June 2014

England

Worker killed in lift accident in Hull

Humberside Police and Hull City Council launched an investigation into a fatal accident yesterday at Queens House in the city where a 37-year old worker died in an accident involving a lift. 25th June 2014

Germany

Abattoir worker killed in meat processor

A 47-year old slaughterhouse worker was killed yesterday after being drawn into a meat processing machine in Paderborn. He was cleaning the 4m x 1.5m equipment at the end of the shift when he lost his balance and fell in, the recovery of his body took several hours and was completed around 2am yesterday. 26th June 2014

USA

CO accident in wagon kills 2 at Illinois agricultural products plant

Two Illinois workers died in a confined space accident in Pekin after being overcome by carbon monoxide fumes at the Agridyne LLC agricultural supplements plant. Work was being undertaken to clean rail wagons there and as soon as the first man opened a hatch on top of a wagon he was overcome, it appeared that a corn based product residue was still at the bottom of the wagon. 26th June 2014

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

USA

Crush accident at Idaho silver mine

A crush accident has claimed the life of an Idaho miner at the Sunshine Silver Mine near Kellogg when he became pinned between a shaft and lifting equipment. Two miners were atop the equipment which moved before one of the two men had moved clear. 4th June 2014

China

Miner killed, 5 trapped in flooded pit

A desperate rescue effort was ongoing yesterday to reach 5 miners trapped in a flooded area of the Xiandewang coal mine in Xingtai. Fourteen miners were working at the locus, 8 managed to reach safety but 1 miner was found dead. 4th June 2014

Australia

Worker sucked into pipe at NSW copper mine

A 26-year old New South Wales worker was killed when he became drawn into a pipe at the CSA Copper mine of Glencore in Cobor, it is believed that he was attempting to clear a blockage in the pipe which is connected to machinery when he was sucked into the pipe. 13th June 2014

Japan

CO incident from generators during media recording at quarry site

Ten people required hospitalisation after apparently being exposed to carbon monoxide fumes during a media company's recording production at the Oya Stone quarry at Utsunomiya in Tochigi. It is understood that 3 generators had been brought to the Location for enhanced lighting and initial investigation by police suggests that CO fumes may have built up due to inadequate ventilation. 17th June 2014

Zimbabwe

Mashonaland gold miners drown in falling lift cage

Seven gold miners drowned when a lifting cage in which they were descending 425 metres at the Golden Valley mine at Patchway went in to rapid descent in the final 100 metres down into a flooded area. Eleven miners managed to survive by scrambling through a hatch in the lift's roof, the 7 fatalities represent 20% of last year's national mining deaths. 13th June 2014

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Russia

4 dead in Gai copper mine explosion

At least 4 workers have died in an explosion during the priming of explosives for blasting in the Gaiskiy GOK copper sulphide mine in Orenburg in the Urals, 200 other workers were evacuated. 23rd June 2014

USA

Lorry driver killed at Montana coal mine

An HGV driver died in a crash at the Spring Creek Mine of Cloud Peak Energy near Decker, Montana, initial investigation of the accident by the Mine Safety & Health Administration indicated that the vehicle crashed through a berm. 25th June 2014

Canada

Falling tree kills bulldozer driver at mine

A 26-year old worker operating a bulldozer was killed by a falling tree which struck his vehicle coming out of the Holt Mine of St Andrew Goldfields Ltd east of Matheson, Ontario. 27th June 2014