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Confined Spaces Training Crucial for Worker Safety

Workers facing the risks of working in confined spaces can access high-quality training through the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association (SCSA) to address their safety needs. SCSA offers an updated Confined Space Monitoring & Entering course to equip workers in confined space environments with the knowledge and tools needed to protect their health and safety.

Developed in collaboration with provincial safety associations, the updated course aligns with CSA standards and meets the requirements of multiple industry sectors. With skilled instructors delivering the latest information, the course sets a new standard for quality that will be transferable across industry.

“Confined spaces are among the most hazardous workplaces. In Canada alone, it is estimated that there are 100 fatalities a year due to confined spaces work,” says SCSA president Collin Pullar. Lack of air quality testing and oxygen deficiency are the leading causes of fatalities. Proper training, education and communication are crucial for workers to ensure their safety.

The course covers OHS regulations, specifically the identification of different confined space systems, creation of a confined space pre-entry plan, equipment demonstrations, inspection and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment, and emergency response measures. SCSA also offers a unique add-on immersive experience using virtual reality (VR).

VR has been shown to increase learner engagement and improve the retention rate of critical information. Learners use VR headsets to practice in a safe, comfortable environment and gain proficiency quickly. “There was an urgent need to make confined spaces training better. VR is not only more affordable and accessible than previous alternatives, it’s incredibly effective for workers to achieve practical competency,” says Pullar.

The course will be offered in both an instructor-led online format and in person at SCSA’s Saskatoon or Regina locations later in the spring. The two-hour VR session requires pre-booking and an additional fee.

For more information or to register visit www.scsaonline.ca or email scsatraining@scsaonline.ca