
REFERENCE: Occupational Health & Safety Act, Confined Spaces – Regulation 632/05
Occupational Health & Safety Act, Health Care and Residential Facilities –
Regulation 67/93, Sections 43.1 to 43.19

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that no County employee ever enters a confined space, which is defined under the Occupational Health and Safety Act as a fully or partially enclosed space, that is not both designed and constructed for continuous human occupancy, and in which atmospheric hazards may occur because of its construction, location or contents or because of work that is done in it.

A physical inspection and atmospheric testing was completed of all County facilities and it was determined that the waste water pit at Bobier Villa is considered a confined space under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. At no time shall a county employee ever enter this confined space.

The County of Elgin has hired a contractor to perform annual inspections and preventative maintenance repairs on all equipment located in confined spaces, therefore no employee shall ever be required or permitted to enter the confined space. If maintenance repairs need to be done in these areas, the Manager of Corporate Facilities will contact the contractor who will perform the work in accordance with regulations.

The County of Elgin will post a warning sign at the entrance of any confined space to ensure no unauthorized person enters the confined space at any time.