



## CONFINED SPACE AWARENESS

Thursday, October 17, 2019  
Athol Town Hall, Liberty Hall  
584 Main Street, Athol.  
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
(Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:45 a.m.)  
Light Lunch included



MIIA is offering a one-day "Confined Space Awareness" training for municipal workers that sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the Authorized Entrant, Entry Supervisor and Attendant per OSHA regulations. It will focus on how to identify permit-required confined spaces; complete an entry permit; conduct air monitoring; identify and control hazards of the space and the work to be completed in the space.

Students will participate in small group activities, problem solving and information sharing. Equipment including personal protective equipment, a multi-gas meter, tripod and winch, and full body harnesses will be present and students will have the opportunity for hands-on learning using this equipment. Photographs of confined spaces, videos, and mock set-ups of permit-spaces may be used in problem solving activities to supplement and reinforce the learning.

Resources and links to the MA Department of Labor Standards and the National Fire Protection Association requirements and recommendations for confined space work will be included in course materials available to the students. Rescue and the development of a written confined space program will be briefly addressed in this course. PLEASE NOTE: Most municipal emergency response departments (fire, police, etc) are not trained or equipped to safely perform confined space rescue. MIIA will offer a half-day course titled "Confined Space Rescue Awareness" per interest of our towns.

**PRESENTER-** Bridget McGuiness is the MIIA Risk Management Trainer. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and has over 30 years of experience training workers, managers, and consultants in both private industry and municipalities.

Participation in this program qualifies the MIIA member for 1% credit in the FY20 MIIA Rewards Program under the Workers' Compensation category