

SAFETY FLASH 23-86: PERMIT TO WORK

A permit to work is used to set the terms for a safe working environment in order to execute activities safely, with the goal to prevent accidents.

GOOD PRACTICE

Use a permit to work when:

- ✓ Doing hot work;
- ✓ Working in a confined/enclosed space;
- ✓ Doing maintenance with lifting operations;
- ✓ Doing maintenance with diving activities;
- ✓ Doing maintenance when working at height;
- ✓ Doing maintenance on electricity;
- ✓ Doing maintenance on critical equipment;
- ✓ Doing maintenance in the pump room;
- ✓ Doing activities outside the railing;
- ✓ Activities are done by 2 or more parties.



BAD PRACTICE

- ✗ Filling in the permit to work by yourself.
- ✗ Not filling in the permit to work (completely).
- ✗ Not informing the crew.
- ✗ Not taking any measures.
- ✗ Working for more than 12 hours under the permit to work.



ACTION QUESTIONS

- What does a work permit do?
- Why is the use of a permit to work important?
- Who is supposed to fill in the permit to work?

