

Confined Space Rescue – Updated Standard **(NFPA 1006, 2021 Edition)**

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On January 1, 2025, the Manitoba Emergency Services College adopted a new Confined Space Rescue standard (NFPA 1006, 2021 Edition). A new textbook was released, which required updates to course content and tests. The college plans to offer the updated course for the first time in 2026. The course was piloted in March 2026, with a second pilot scheduled for May 2026.

The required textbook for the program is *Confined Space Principles and Practice, 2nd Edition* by Jones & Bartlett.

The program no longer uses Level I and Level II. It now includes three levels: Awareness, Operations, and Technician. All tests and skill sheets have been updated to match the new standard and textbook. Testing will take place over two days and will include three written exams: one for each level.

The only change to the pre-requisites is Rope Rescue, which replaces Rescue Practices.

Students must complete the following pre-requisites:

- Rope Rescue
- Hazardous Materials – Awareness
- ICS 100
- Standard First Aid

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