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RESCUE AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Even if the strictest safety guidelines are followed, things can go wrong. In such cases fast thinking and action are the only effective response.

An emergency exists when a person within a confined space is injured or collapses and requires immediate attention.

The procedure in such an emergency is as follows:

1. **Assess the nature and extent of the emergency situation.**
2. If **possible remove the injured person safely from** the confined space area.
3. Apply immediate first aid and/or CPR if necessary.
4. Contact emergency services (Dial 000).
5. Always have the injured person attended to by a **doctor even if they seem to have recovered.**

In cases of respiratory failure, **distress or electric shock, this is essential as secondary and fatal effects may otherwise follow after a period of several hours.** Report all incidents of sickness etc.

- 6 The Supervisor who granted approval for the confined space entry should be advised of the incident as soon as possible.
- 7 Prepare and submit an Accident Notification Report.