

CT WAP Weatherization Guidance No. 24

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### **Hazard Communication Standards**

The purpose of this guidance is to instruct agencies of updated policy regarding hazards found to exist or having the potential to exist on WAP works sites. This guidance pertains to all CT WAP Weatherization programs.

**Note:** For Additional Hazard identification and notification information see CT WAP Guidance # 14, the current CT WAP Health and Safety Plan and CT WAP Operations and Training Manual Section 400.

### **Hazard Communication Responsibility**

Due to changes made at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in respect to work performed in confined spaces (Attics, Crawl Spaces), CT WAP has determined that a standard practice for identifying and communicating hazards be established and applied to any OSHA confined space work site.( OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1207) (Effective August 3, 2015)

CT WAP Sub-Grantees will require that all personnel conducting site specific energy audits, in- process inspections and Final Inspections to document and communicate site specific hazards to ensure the safety of all Weatherization service delivery personnel and the occupants of the site.

# **Hazard Communication Instruments**

CT WAP Auditors are hereby mandated to utilize the CT WAP Pre-Entry Hazard Assessment form for each site where a confined space hazard or potential hazard is identified.

### **Hazard Communication Procedures**

Sub-Grantees are required to inform all weatherization Service delivery personnel be they local agency crew or subcontracted resources, of identified hazard via use of the Pre-Entry Hazard Assessment Form. Hazard Communication procedures require that the Pre-Entry Hazard Assessment form accompany any word order issued for work within a confined space site.

## **Hazard Communication Recordkeeping Requirements**

CT WAP policy requires that all documents pertaining to Hazard Communications be included within the site-specific client file and be made available to CT WAP Monitoring and Quality Control personnel at all times.