

## HSE Bulletin # 239

# Confined Spaces

On February 19, 2011, a Tank lorry cleaner entered into the empty chamber of the tank lorry, parked outside the Sihala Terminal. The cleaner got unconscious due to the inhalation of vapors presented inside the empty chamber. For helping him, his brother jumped into the chamber and got unconscious due to vapors inhalation. The incident was reported immediately to Sihala Installation. Mr. Imran Baber Khan (Sr. Terminal Executive Sihala) reached the incident site with breathing apparatus and started rescue operation with the help of drivers under his supervision. They managed to pull out both the victims and provide CPR to them which helped to recover from unconscious state. Meanwhile Rescue 1122 team was informed about the incident which timely reached there and took the victim for further treatment.



### PSO's Expectations

- Entry should be prohibited in confined spaces without prior approvals
- Entry should not be made without proper PPEs like breathing apparatus
- Work permit should be issued and job should be supervised for confined spaces
- Awareness sessions should be conducted with drivers & cleaners on frequent basis on confined space entry
- Emergency Response Plan for confined space entry should be developed and exercised.

