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## PREFACE

This Handbook was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF-037, Work in Confined Spaces.

While preparing AS/NZS 2865:2001, *Safe working in a confined space*, the Committee identified the need to have a companion document to that Standard. This document is intended to provide users with additional information to clarify the intent of the Standard.

The guidelines have used a similar approach to that of the Standard, in that common essential requirements of the Standard are included in boxes. The requirements have been presented in the same order as in the Standard, to simplify reading.

This Handbook is not intended as an alternative to the Standard, but rather to provide additional information, which ought not to be published in a Standard, but which the Committee believes will add greatly to the understanding of what needs to be done to maximize the safety of those who must enter a confined space.

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