



Compressed Gas—Handle with Care

Safety is Slow. Secured. Supervised.

Safely storing compressed gas cylinders in your workplace requires careful storage, handling, and cooperation. Compressed gases can be flammable, corrosive, or toxic—and accidents can happen quickly. So always follow safety guidelines and ask a supervisor if you're unsure.

SLOW. *Don't take shortcuts when moving compressed gas cylinders. Working carefully prevents drops, gas leaks, and injuries.*

DOs

- Keep cylinders securely fastened when moving or storing them.
- Open valves slowly and with clean hands.
- Check the cylinder's SDS for required PPE.

DON'Ts

- Do NOT move cylinders with your hands or bump them.
- Do NOT forcefully open valves with tools.
- DO NOT move unsecured cylinders or leave them unattended.

SECURED. *Keep compressed gas cylinders in a secured area. Proper storage prevents fires, corrosion, and gas leaks.*

DOs

- Store cylinders in an isolated, dry, level, and well-ventilated area.
- Store cylinders away from any heat sources, fires, or electrical wiring.
- Arrange cylinders so that the oldest ones will be used first.

DON'Ts

- Do NOT store oxygen cylinders near fuel or gas cylinders.
- Do NOT leave cylinders on uneven surfaces, in cluttered areas, or with empty cylinders.
- Do NOT leave valves open when storing cylinders.

SUPERVISED. *Organize and label compressed gas cylinders with your team. Proper supervision prevents mix-ups and dangerous working conditions*

DOs

- Ask your supervisor and supplier about handling defective cylinders.
- Wear the correct PPE and mark empty cylinders with the letters: "MT".
- Take leaky cylinders outside and away from any heat sources.

DON'Ts

- Do NOT smoke around any compressed gas cylinders.
- Do NOT let oxygen spray on your clothes or any greasy surface.
- Do NOT try to repair or open faulty cylinders.



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