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Compressed Gas Cylinders

Understanding the dangers Cylinders of compressed gas are potentially explosive They can be:

- Toxic
- Flammable
- Oxidizing
- Inert
- Or a combination of all four

Mark containers clearly

- Don't mix different gases
- Never transfer gas from one cylinder to another
- Read labels before moving
- Keep valves closed when not in use
- To open valve, stand aside and open slowly
- Never stand directly in front of valve

Never clean clothes with compressed gas or air

- **Protect cylinders from welding sparks**
- **Position cylinders away from electrical circuits**
- **Keep compressed gas away from flames**

Store upright

- Choose well-ventilated area
- Position away from direct sunlight
- Separate oxygen from flammable gas

Secure cylinders first

- Handle them carefully
- Lift with a partner
- Treat each cylinder as full
- Never move cylinder without protective cap
- Use approved lifting equipment (cylinder truck)

Never roll or drag cylinders

Greasy gloves can cause an explosion

**Cylinders look harmless but
are dangerous**

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