Safe Compressed Gas Practices

- Never rely on the cylinder color to identify the compressed gas. Read the cylinder label. Return unidentified cylinders to the vendor.

- All compressed gas cylinders must remain upright.

- Leave protective caps on cylinders until the compressed gas is used.

- All compressed gas cylinders must be restrained with chains, brackets, or straps positioned across at least the upper third portion of cylinders and preferably, also across the base of cylinders.

- Use a regulator that is compatible with the type of compressed gas being used.

- Never store oxygen cylinders near highly combustible materials or flammable gases.

- Do not store compressed gas cylinders in unventilated enclosures such as cabinets.

- Never use compressed gas cylinders as rollers or supports, even if the cylinder is empty.

- Do not place compressed gas cylinders on soil or unimproved surfaces.

- Valves of empty compressed gas cylinder shall be closed and empty cylinders shall be marked as empty.

- Remove regulators and replace protective caps before moving compressed gas cylinders.

- Never roll or walk a compressed gas cylinder. When moving compressed gas cylinders, use a hand truck.

- Close compressed gas cylinder valves, bleed regulators and lines, and close regulators when finished working with the compressed gas.

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