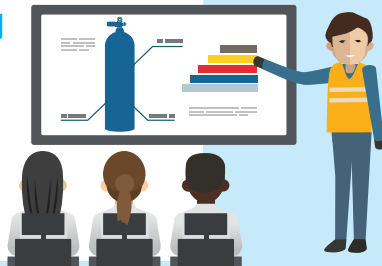


10 safety tips to keep in mind when working with industrial gas cylinders

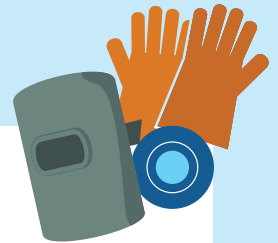
1. Make sure you've had the proper training

You should always have training before working with gas cylinders and be confident you know what to do in an emergency.



2. Always wear the right safety equipment

This includes a hard hat, safety glasses, high visibility clothing, protective gloves and safety shoes or boots.



4. You should always know what you are handling

Always use the cylinder label to identify the contents of the cylinder, rather than relying on the colour of the cylinder.

3. Always use a cylinder trolley or fork lift truck to move cylinders

When moving individual cylinders always use a cylinder trolley and for MCPs (Manifold Cylinder Pallets) make sure they are transported by a fork lift truck driven by a qualified operative.

5. Check your cylinders are in a safe condition

Treat any cylinders which show signs of impact, heat damage or discolouration with extreme caution and contact the supplier immediately.



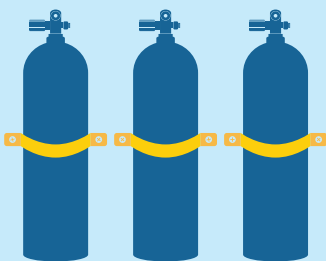
6. Make sure cylinders are always stored correctly

They should be kept vertical, in a well-ventilated, well-drained area, away from sources of heat or ignition and segregated by the properties of their gas.



7. Remember all gases are different

All gases have their own properties and hazards, so if you're handling or transporting cylinders you need to read the safety data sheets and make sure you understand that particular product's key properties and risks.



8. Use a safe lifting and manual handling technique

Take a firm hold around the neck or collar of a cylinder with both hands. Keep your back straight and move into the cylinder as it rises. Never lift a cylinder by the cylinder valve or valve handwheel.



9. Secure cylinders properly to prevent them moving or getting knocked over

All cylinders should be secured with straps and chocks to prevent them from rolling around. Make sure the valves can't get knocked open while you're on the move.



10. Always use a well-ventilated vehicle and unload cylinders immediately on arrival

Never move or store gas cylinders in an unventilated vehicle and unload when you arrive at your destination.