

## Storage of Cylinders

When storing gas cylinders it is advisable that the following precautions are followed:

- Never smoke while using oxygen, or allow others to smoke in the vicinity of this equipment
- Do not use in a confined space
- Store and use well away from naked flames and sources of heat
- Keep children away from oxygen equipment
- Keep free from oil and grease. Never lubricate the valve or associated equipment
- Always turn off cylinders when not in use
- Do not subject cylinders to extremes of hot or cold
- Store in a separate area away from flammable liquids and other combustible material
- Make sure this area is clean, dry and well ventilated
- Never repaint. All labels and markings must remain clearly visible
- Store in a safe place where they cannot be knocked over



## Handling of Cylinders

When handling gas cylinders it is advisable that the following precautions are followed:

- Larger cylinders are heavy. Manual handling risk assessments and training should be undertaken
- Safety shoes, glasses and gloves should be worn when handling and connecting cylinders
- Cylinders should be handled with care and not knocked violently or allowed to fall
- Cylinders should be moved with the appropriate size and type of trolley
- Ensure you do not inadvertently turn the cylinder valve on when moving a cylinder
- Cylinder valves must be closed when moving cylinders and equipment should be detached
- Only people trained in cylinder manual handling should move cylinders over short distance
- Over longer distances, use appropriate trolleys or pallets, and firmly secure cylinders into them
- Never roll cylinders along the ground as this may cause the valve to open accidentally. It may also damage the cylinder, label and paintwork

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Remember, always read the label and material Safety Data (MSDS) before use.