

THE SLEEPING GIANT

Many of us are surrounded by compressed gas cylinders. Here is a reminder of just what respect they command.

GET TO KNOW ME

I can contain very high pressure.
I wear a cap to protect my valve.
I wear a label to identify the gas I am holding.
My color does not tell you what gas I contain.
I am only one piece of a two-part system. Without a correct regulator or manifold, I cannot function safely.

KNOW HOW TO USE ME

Know how to safely install and remove me from your system.
Make sure I am properly secured when in use and when stored.
Open my valve slowly when I am to be used.
Close my valve and replace my cap when you are done.
Know the dangers of my contents, read the SDS, and follow proper procedures when using me.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

If my valve or regulator snaps off, all my power is unleashed through an opening no larger than a pencil.
I will become an unguided missile.
I will smash through brick walls.
I will spin, ricochet, and crash through anything in my path.



For additional information, see CGA P-1, *Standard for Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers.*



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