

## **COMPRESSED CYLINDERS HANDOUT**

### **SAFE USE OF COMPRESSED CYLINDERS**

- Store cylinders in an area specifically designated for that purpose.
  - The area must protect the cylinders from being struck by another object.
  - The area needs to be well ventilated.
- Cylinders must be secured; prevented from dropping or falling.
- Cylinders need to be protected from direct sunlight.
- Always follow manufacture's instructions when using, handling, and storing cylinders.
- If a cylinder is damaged, leaking, or in poor condition:
  - Return to the vender or manufacture.

### **PROPER HANDLING OF COMPRESSED CYLINDER EQUIPMENT**

- Treat all equipment with proper care.
- Store in dry, clean locations specifically designed for this purpose.
- Do not use equipment which is visibly dirty, in poor repair, or damaged.
- Maintain equipment pursuant to the manufacture's instructions.
- Never allow cylinders near oil or grease.
  - If cylinders get oil or grease on it, take it out of service until it is properly cleaned.
- Keep all "off duty" cylinders from accumulating dust and dirt.
- Do not allow smoking around oxygen equipment.
- Designate a clean area for work with oxygen handling equipment.



- Do not work on equipment with ordinary tools, use tools specifically for this equipment.
- Never work on or with equipment unless properly trained.
- When receiving compressed cylinders:
  - Check for leaks
  - Visually inspect the cylinder for damage
  - Check for proper labeling