

# 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  
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Handling of Compressed  
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