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DESCRIPTION:

JOB SAFE PRACTICES General - Helium cylinders

ITEM	HAZARD H/M/L	INJURY/RISK	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>Ensure cylinders are stored in an upright position at all times.</p> <p>Ensure the cylinders are chained to a wall or a fixture at all times.</p> <p>Ensure you use trolleys with chains to move cylinders.</p>	Cylinder falling over	Damage to cylinders, explosions	<p>Store and Department Management – To inspect and maintain equipment and to inform, instruct, train and supervise staff.</p> <p>Store staff – To work safely, to report unsafe conditions and not operate faulty or unsafe equipment.</p>
<p>Do not direct the gas at any person.</p> <p>Open the valve slowly when inflating balloons.</p> <p>Never lean over, or on, the inflator.</p>	Incorrect or unsafe use	Damage to cylinders, explosions, burns	<p>All staff – To identify and report unsafe conditions and implement the Out of Service tag procedure</p> <p>Note –Helium cylinders must be stored away from heat and ignition sources.</p>
<p>Ensure the balloon adaptor matches the cylinder valve outlet.</p> <p>Do not force the fittings together.</p> <p>Ensure there is no grease or oil on the valve.</p>	Use of incorrect fittings	Release of gas, valve damage	<p>Empty and full cylinders must be stored and handled in the same manner.</p> <p>Do not use the cylinder without first being instructed by the Department Manager.</p>

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