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## Gas cylinders — Safe handling

*Bouteilles à gaz — Sécurité de manutention*



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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11625:1998) which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

The following guidelines are for everyone who handles gas cylinders, and are based upon experience. Some precautions are also applicable to gas suppliers and distributors. It should not be assumed that every applicable safety precaution or regulation is contained herein.

Gas cylinders are constructed, maintained and used in accordance with applicable regulations and are safe for the purposes for which they are intended. Accidents occurring during the transportation, handling, usage and storage of these cylinders can often be traced to failure to follow the guidelines set forth in this International Standard.

Users of compressed, liquefied or dissolved gases should become familiar with the properties and inherent hazards of the products they use. Valuable information pertaining to each specific gas is contained within its product labelling and safety data sheet.

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# Gas cylinders — Safe handling

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements for safe handling, use and storage of gas cylinders for compressed, liquefied or dissolved gases. This International Standard applies only to single gas cylinders of sizes from 0,5 l to 150 l water capacity.

For specific gas applications such as welding, diving, inerting, etc., additional requirements apply which are not covered in this International Standard.

Maintenance, repair, marking, labelling, inspection and retesting of gas cylinders, which are normally under the responsibility of the gas cylinder owner, are also not included in this International Standard.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 32, *Gas cylinders for medical use — Marking for identification of content*

ISO 5145:2004, *Cylinder valve outlets for gases and gas mixtures — Selection and dimensioning*

ISO 7225, *Gas cylinders — Precautionary labels*

ISO/TR 7470, *Valve outlets for gas cylinders — List of provisions which are either standardized or in use*

ISO 10286, *Gas cylinders — Terminology*

ISO 11117, *Gas cylinders — Valve protection caps and valve guards — Design, construction and tests*

ISO 13769, *Gas cylinders — Stamp marking*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10286 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **air line mask**

breathing mask connected to a pipeline (the 'air line') with breathable air

### 3.2

#### **handling**

moving, connecting or disconnecting a gas cylinder under normal conditions of use