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		Community Health Nursing	
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Compressed Gas		Administration	05-032-00
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Community Health Nurses			

POLICY:

All compressed gas cylinders shall be safely handled by all Health and Social Services staff. The cylinders will be securely stored in accordance with Guideline 05-032-01.

PRINCIPLES:

Safe handling and storage of compressed gas cylinders preserves and safeguards the lives of the clients, public and health centre staff.

RELATED POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND LEGISLATION:

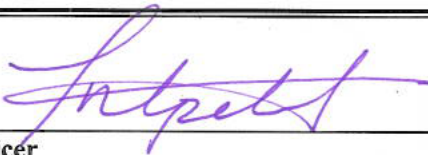

Policy 05-021-00	Occupational Health and Safety
Guideline 05-021-01	Occupational Health and Safety Program
Guideline 05-032-01	Handling and Storage of Gas Cylinders

GUIDELINE 05-032-01

1. No Medical Gas is to be within or outside the hospital without the protective cap, where appropriate, securely in place. This excludes cylinders actually in use.
2. Medical Gas Cylinders are to be kept only in designated areas:
 - Radiology department
 - Emergency treatment room
 - Clinic rooms

Medical Gas tanks are **NOT** to be kept in the main lobby, or corridors.

3. Large cylinders are to be moved on an approved carrier only, with the safety chain in place.
4. All stored cylinders are to be secured in position by chain, or in appropriate stand or cart. Never lie the cylinder down.
5. Empty cylinders should be removed as soon as possible and transported to the oxygen storage room.
6. Full cylinders must be ordered immediately to ensure ample oxygen is available in the community should any emergency arise.
7. All cylinders are to have level of contents displayed by use of an appropriate tag. Perforated sections are to be torn off as appropriate.

Approved by:  Chief Nursing Officer	11 FEB 2011 Date	Effective Date: April 1, 2011
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