

# GAS CYLINDERS (COMPRESSED)

## (Oxygen, Acetylene, Argon, Nitrogen, Propane, etc.)

### POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN

Oxygen, acetylene, argon and other pressurized bottles have hazards associated with fire and pressurized containers.

### CHARACTERIZATION

Refillable compressed gas cylinders are used for both civilian and military operations.

### HANDLING PROCEDURES

**Step 1** Contact **DOL Compressed Gases** for assistance with issue, turn-in and exchange of cylinders and resupply of gases.

**Step 2** Storage requirements should be coordinated with **Fire Department** and **Installation Safety Office**.

**NOTE:** Medical oxygen cylinders are issued and exchanged at **BACH Medical Supply**.

**NOTE:** Carbon Dioxide or nitrogen small cylinders with no valves should be considered empty when punctured and discharged.



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### GENERAL INFORMATION

For additional information on disposable cylinders see protocol sheet A-40. For disposal of unwanted cylinders, contact **DPW H/R Shop** or **DOL Installation Maintenance Division Mgr.**

**NOTE:** **For Consumer, Non-industrial Propane Tanks (25 lb.):** Deliver to **Convenience Center** or drop off at the **Main PX** (2840 Bastogne Ave) tank drop-off location (at rear of store behind Sporting Goods - where Layaway, Refunds, the Cash Cage and Western Union are located). Please let someone know at the Main PX Customer Service that the tank is being left at the tank drop-off location. If desired, customers can also get a \$20 refund for a propane tank if they do the following: Go to Main PX Customer Service, obtain a coupon, and get the coupon stamped with the store stamp. Later, when the customer arrives at his/her new duty station (or returns from deployment), s/he can buy a new tank, at which time both the receipt for the new tank and the previously stamped coupon can be mailed to the address listed on the coupon, and a \$20 check will be returned in the mail.