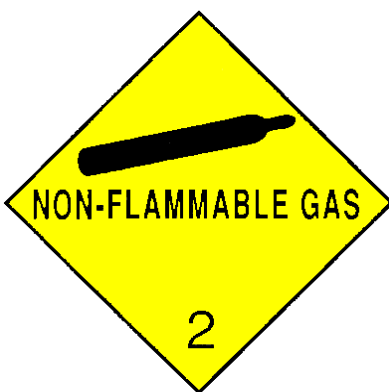


IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT COMPRESSED GASSES

Every day trucks haul compressed gases to factories, warehouses and job sites. Because compressed gas shipments have become so common, it is easy to forget that they present very real dangers--and that accidents involving them can be fatal.



If you are involved in an accident while hauling a compressed gas shipment, your knowledge of proper response procedures can save lives and property.

What Is The Danger?

Compressed gas cylinders are often highly pressurized and may explode in the heat of a fire. Compressed gas

vapors may be extremely irritating and can burn the skin or eyes; contact with liquid can cause frostbite.

Flammable compressed gases pose the additional threat of fire; they can be ignited easily by heat, sparks or flames. If in a fire, they may produce poisonous gases. Their vapors are also an explosion hazard.

Runoff from fire control or other measures can pollute our water or harm plants and animals.

Who Do You Call?

Check with a company representative for specific information on your company's accident-reporting procedures. In general, you must immediately report every accident in which you are involved to the local authorities and your company.

The local authorities include the police, the highway patrol, the sheriff and the fire department. Call 911 or the operator for assistance.

Know the name and phone number of the company representative you must contact, including a telephone number to reach him or her after regular office hours. Have your shipping papers available for emergency responders.

Protecting Yourself And Others

- Notify the shipper and emergency personnel immediately.
- Make your shipping

papers and other information available to emergency personnel.

- Keep unauthorized people away from and upwind from the scene.
- Avoid inhaling fumes, smoke or vapors.
- Set up warning signals. No flares!
- Keep smokers, smoking materials and flame-producing items away from the area.
- Withdraw immediately if you hear a rising sound from a venting safety device or note a tank discolored by fire.

National Response Center

The carrier must make a telephone report to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 as soon as possible if the one of the following occurred as a direct result of the compressed gas:

- A person was killed;
- A person received injuries requiring hospitalization;
- The estimated property damage is greater than \$50,000; or
- Some other situation exists which, in the judgement of the carrier, requires reporting.

If a telephone report is required, then a follow-up written report must be submitted within 15 days of the accident.