

# Safety

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*Many workplaces use compressed air, especially in cleaning and maintenance operations. But it poses serious on-the-job hazards, from damaging eyes or skin to noise and trip-and-fall hazards.*

## COMPRESSORS AND COMPRESSED AIR

Are compressors equipped with pressure-relief valves and pressure gauges?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Are compressor air intakes installed and equipped to ensure that only clean, uncontaminated air enters the compressor?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Are air filters installed on the compressor intake?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Are compressors operated and lubricated according to the manufacturers' recommendations?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Are safety devices on compressed-air systems checked frequently?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Before any repair work is done on compressor pressure systems, is the pressure bled off and the system locked out?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Are signs posted to warn of a compressor's automatic starting feature?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Is the belt drive system enclosed to provide protection on the front, back, top and sides?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Do you prohibit directing compressed air toward a person for any reason?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Are employees prohibited from using compressed air over 29 PSI for cleaning purposes unless they use an approved nozzle with pressure relief and clip guard?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

When using compressed air for work-area cleaning, do employees use personal protective equipment? Are high-pressure hoses and connections in good repair?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

Before compressed air is used to empty containers of liquid, are the pressure limits of the containers checked?

- Yes       No       Not Applicable

## COMPRESSORS (cont.)

When compressed air is used with abrasive blast cleaning equipment, is the operating valve a type that must be held open manually?

Yes       No       Not Applicable

Is it prohibited to use compressed air to move combustible dust if such action could cause the dust to be suspended in the air and cause a fire or explosion?

Yes       No       Not Applicable

If plastic piping is used, is the plastic approved for air line service? (Some ABS is OK — PVC is not.)

Yes       No       Not Applicable

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