



**TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET 9**

**GAS SAFETY IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY**

**Only ever purchase food quality beverage dispense gas from reputable gas suppliers.**

High-pressure gas cylinders used to supply food quality gases for drinks dispense are designed and manufactured to ensure they are safe when filled, used and handled correctly. Cylinders that are not filled in accordance with gas industry safety and quality standards should not be accepted or used, such cylinders could endanger life.

Use the checklist below to help you identify cylinders that are safe to use.

	YES	NO	Legal Requirements
1. Are the cylinder contents clearly identified on the cylinder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the cylinder carry a product safety label and emergency contact number?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Does the cylinder have a valve guard fitted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Is the product traceability label visible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there a coloured plastic test date ring between the valve and the cylinder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Is the cylinder valve outlet protected by a tamper evident device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Are cylinder and valve in a good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Examples of poor cylinder condition may include:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excessive rust</li> <li>• Dents</li> <li>• Gouges or grinding marks</li> <li>• Being defaced (in any way)</li> </ul>			
8. Have you been supplied with the product(s) safety data sheet(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

An answer **NO** to any of these check items indicates that the cylinder may be unsafe to use or that you do not have all the necessary safety information for its use. **Do not** use the cylinder.

For further technical and safety information please contact your gas supplier.

For more information concerning the safety of drinks dispense gases please refer to the following publications which are free to download from BCGA:

- Guidance Note 30, *The safe use of gases in the beverage dispense industry.*
- Leaflet 10, *Profit through Quality - Good Gas, Good Business.*