

## SAFETY FACTS: USE OF COMPRESSED AIR FOR CLEANING PURPOSES

- Compressed air can be extremely dangerous. It must be handled with care and should be used only when necessary.
- Do not use compressed air for cleaning yourself or your clothing.
- Never aim or spray compressed air at a fellow employee for any reason.
- Only approved safety nozzles are allowed on air hoses. OSHA standards limit air output to 30 PSI for cleaning purposes. Air hoses missing safety nozzles must not be used until the safety nozzle has been replaced.
- Air hoses should not be used for cleaning machinery or equipment when brooms, brushes, a vacuum cleaner, etc, can do the job.
- When using compressed air for cleaning, be sure everyone is clear and proper personal protection equipment is used. The type of personal protective equipment required depends on the job being done and may vary from safety glasses with shields, to full face shields, to supplied air breathing apparatus with face mask or hood. Consult with your supervisor to determine the proper personal protective needed.
- Report defective nozzles, gauges, and regulators to your supervisor.
- All flexible air lines and hoses shall be fastened down to prevent whipping.
- Always return an air hose to its proper storage place after use.