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Welding Safety

What's Wrong Here, you Decide?



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Welders, take a look at these photos and identify additional discrepancies.
How does your welding shop look?



- 1 - Acetylene and Oxygen Tanks – less than 2 feet away from welding operations.
 - 2 - Acetylene and Oxygen separated by 4 feet - (20 feet required).
 - 3 - Wooden wall, and work bench (should be 35 feet away from combustible materials unless shielding or a screen is available).
 - 5 - No welding shield or screen available to shield combustibles or personnel exposure.
 - 6 - Welding directly onto concrete.
 - 7 - Welding machine was left with power on.
 - 8 - Electrode not removed from holder.
 - 9 - Was a Hot Work Permit issued?
 - 10 - Were MSDS's available for electrodes being used?
 - 11 - What type of metal is being welded?
 - 12 - Was a fire extinguisher readily available? **NO**
 - 13 - Was there a fire watch? **NO**
 - 14 - Has Industrial Hygiene conducted air monitoring to assess air quality?
 - 15 - Was respiratory protection required? Refer to Industrial Hygiene survey.
 - 16 - Was the correct lenses being used in the helmet?
 - 17 - Had welders received Hazard Communication training?
 - 18 - Were hazard signs posted? **NO**
 - 19 - Was all PPE worn including non-flammable clothing?
- Ensure you comply with all safety procedures as eye damage, burns, fires and/or shock and electrocution could occur.**

These photos were taken in a motor pool on a Sunday afternoon, after everyone had left for the day.

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