



PURPOSE: The purpose of oxygen safety is to prevent any injury or adverse condition from occurring. By using oxygen safely, users can achieve increased oxygenation, improving quality of life and independence. Oxygen is *not* flammable, but it will add much needed fuel to fires and cause them to burn hotter and faster. Always abide by oxygen safety guidelines. If you should have any questions regarding your oxygen safety, please don't hesitate to call your medical equipment supplier.

SAFETY

1. It is mandatory that your residence have a functioning smoke detector.
2. **No smoking or flames** (including cigarettes or cigars) are allowed within 10 feet of any oxygen delivery device.
3. Keep all flammable materials away from an oxygen source, especially, oil, grease, solvents, creams, lotions, petroleum products, paper, clothes, aerosol containers, and alcohol of any kind. (This includes on your hands or clothes also).
4. Keep all devices that are powered by electricity or that can produce sparks, at least 5-feet away from any oxygen delivery device.
5. Do not use Nylon®, wool, or any synthetic material for clothing or bedding. Cotton is the preferred material.
6. Do not try to fix, repair or lubricate any oxygen device or delivery equipment.
7. Keep all tubing and equipment uncovered and tangle-free and stored in an uncluttered and unconfined space.
8. Never allow any untrained person or child to touch or manipulate oxygen equipment.
9. Always store tanks or cylinders in approved carts or holders, on their sides, and in well-ventilated places. Never store tanks or cylinders in the trunk of a car.

MAINTENANCE: Your medical equipment provider performs all maintenance of oxygen equipment. Basic user maintenance pertains to the external particle filters on concentrators. These need to be cleaned weekly with soap and water. The external parts of oxygen equipment must be kept clean and free from oil, grease and dirt. Never utilize any solvent to clean equipment. If anything appears to be wrong with your equipment, call your medical equipment provider immediately. **If your power should go out and your oxygen concentrator does not restart, push the reset button on your unit.**

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