

# Oxygen Safety

Oxygen is a medication that should only be used as directed by your doctor.

**DO NOT** change the setting unless directed by your doctor.

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**DO NOT SMOKE WHILE USING OXYGEN** or allow open flames or any smoking materials in the room where oxygen is being used or stored. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes. Additionally, batteries of electronic cigarettes should not be charged in the vicinity of the oxygen.

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**DO NOT** use any household electric equipment while using oxygen (for example, electric razors, sweepers, and blankets). Keep these items at least five feet away from your oxygen.

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**DO NOT** store oxygen containers in the closet. Oxygen cylinders must be secured in a stand or cart. NEVER allow cylinders to be free-standing.

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**DO NOT** use flammable creams and lotions.

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**DO NOT** use aerosol sprays in the vicinity of oxygen equipment.

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**DO NOT** use oil, grease, or petroleum jelly on or near oxygen equipment.

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**DO NOT** allow oxygen tubing to be covered by any objects or rugs.

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**DO NOT** leave oxygen on when equipment is not being used.

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**DO NOT** abuse or handle oxygen containers roughly.

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**DO NOT** allow untrained people to use or adjust equipment.

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**DO NOT** attempt to fix or repair oxygen equipment.

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**DO NOT** store oxygen containers near radiators, heat ducts, or other heat sources.

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**DO NOT** touch frosted fittings or piping on liquid systems with bare hands.

## Traveling with Oxygen

Place the oxygen unit upright. Place on the floor or the seat next to you and secure with a seatbelt.

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**DO NOT** smoke or allow anyone else to smoke in the car.

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**DO** open your window approximately one inch when transporting any oxygen.

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**DO** contact your oxygen provider in advance if you are planning to travel or transport your oxygen.