

Use Medical Oxygen Safely at Home



Never cook while you are using medical oxygen. If the stove is in use the person using oxygen should remain at least five feet away.

Keep items containing oil and grease away when oxygen is in use, they are easily ignited.



Keep oxygen cylinders out of the kitchen and away from other areas where fire and excess heat may be present. Excess heat sources include candles, wood stoves, fireplaces, space heaters and electrical appliances.

Do not use products with alcohol, Vaseline® or other petroleum based products (shave lotion, skin cream, or vapor rub) on your face near the nasal cannula.



Do not operate a toaster, toaster oven, or other appliance that gives off excessive heat if you are using medical oxygen.



Never use a candle, match, lighter or other open flame when medical oxygen is in use in the home.



Never use aerosol sprays containing combustible materials near oxygen canisters. Examples include some kitchen cleaners or deodorizers.

Storing medical oxygen safely at home

Make sure that all oxygen cylinders that are not in use have their valves fully closed at all times.



Make sure you have smoke alarms and that they are working properly. Store cylinders in a well vented areas. Storage in non-vented small spaces such as a closet, where oxygen can accumulate, can pose a hazard. Keep the oxygen tanks secured in an upright position. Do not store under the bed or in the truck of a car.



Post “No Smoking” or “Oxygen in Use” signs on windows or doors near the entrance to your home. Do **not** allow smoking in areas where oxygen is in use.