Read all the directions before operating any oxygen equipment. If you have any questions, please call your DME (Durable Medical Equipment) oxygen supplier.

Backup Oxygen (M and H Cylinders)

When do I use my backup oxygen cylinder?
• Only use the backup oxygen if you lose power or if the concentrator malfunctions.

How do I use my backup oxygen cylinder and regulator?
• The backup oxygen cylinder will be placed in your home by the DME technician. ✪ Do not move the cylinder after it is in your home. Contact your DME supplier if you need the oxygen cylinder moved.

1. Turn the flow control knob to “0” to turn off the flow.
2. Turn the cylinder knob left to start the oxygen flow
3. Turn the flow control knob to the prescribed liter flow.
4. Your backup oxygen is now ready to use.
5. Disconnect the tubing from your concentrator and connect it to the regulator outlet nipple.
6. To stop the oxygen flow, turn the cylinder knob right.
7. Turn the flow control knob to “0”

Portable Oxygen (E, D, M6 Cylinders)

When do I use my portable oxygen cylinder?
• Use the portable oxygen cylinder when you leave your home.

How do I use my portable oxygen cylinder and regulator?
1. Make sure your hands, gloves and tools are free of oil, grease and dirt.
2. Secure the cylinder to the cart.
3. Remove the white tape from the top of the cylinder.
4. Before attaching the regulator to the cylinder valve, open the cylinder valve a little to blow out any dust or dirt.
5. Look at the cylinder valve opening and regulator inlet connection to make sure they are free of dirt. ⚠️ Call your DME supplier if you see any damage or dirt. Do not use the equipment.
6. Turn the control knob on the regulator to “0” to turn off the flow.
7. Look at the regulator to make sure there is a gasket and it is not cracked or damaged. Call your DME supplier if there the gasket is missing or damaged. Otherwise, go to step 8.

8. Place the regulator on the oxygen cylinder so the pins on the regulator and holes on the oxygen cylinder line up.

9. Tighten the T-handle by turning clockwise. **Tighten by hand only.** Using a tool may cause damage.

10. Open the cylinder valve to check for an oxygen leak. If you hear a loud hissing noise, turn the tank off and check the gasket (see step 5 above). **Call your DME supplier if the noise continues. Do not use the equipment.**

11. Open the cylinder valve at least two full turns.

12. Your regulator is now ready to use.
How do I clean my oxygen regulator?

1. Clean the regulator using a warm damp lint free cloth.
   ⊗ Do not use unapproved cleaning products. They may cause damage or equipment failure.

**Oxygen Safety**

- Federal law requires a prescription for home oxygen.
- You must be trained before using home oxygen equipment.
- Carefully read the instructions before you install or remove the regulator.
- Remove all plastic bags, tape or visible dirt from the equipment.
- Many substances like Vaseline, petroleum based vapor rubs (for example, Vicks®), alcohol, oil, wax, grease, cloth, wood, and paint may catch fire and burn quickly around oxygen.
- If you have any questions or problems, call your DME supplier.
- Follow these warnings:
Do post “Oxygen in Use” signs where oxygen is being stored, handled, or used.
Do store cylinders in a dry, clean area away from sunlight.
Do keep cylinder valves closed when not using your oxygen.
Do wash and dry your hands before using your oxygen equipment.
Do contact us right away if your equipment is not working or if you have questions.

Do not use if you hear a loud hissing or popping noise coming from the equipment. Close the cylinder valve, and call your DME supplier.
Do not allow smoking around oxygen (where it is stored, handled, or used).
Do not use near any open flame or flammable/explosive substances.
Do not store oxygen near heat or flames, or in your car trunk or garage.
Do not allow cylinders to tip or fall. Keep cylinders upright whenever possible.
Do not allow children to play with oxygen equipment.
Do not put brackets or tape on the regulator.
Do not stand in front of the oxygen outlet when opening the cylinder valve. The force of the oxygen can be strong.
Do not use oxygen equipment if you see dirt, grease or other contaminants on or around it.
Do not use oils, greases, lubricants or other combustible materials on or near your oxygen equipment.

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