

# Oxygen Safety

What you and your family should know.




## Fire and burn risk.

- When oxygen is used in the home, the amount of oxygen in the air, furniture, clothing and hair goes up, making it easier for a fire to start and spread.
- When more oxygen is in the air, fires will burn hotter and faster.
- It is important to keep home oxygen and tubing 10 feet away from heat sources.



# Common Heat Sources

- Matches
- Lighters
- Cigarettes
- Candles
- Gas stoves
- Appliances
- Electric razors
- Hair dryers
- Heaters



Don't use flammable products such as:

- Oils
- Grease
- Petroleum products
- Oil based lip balms or lotions



# Smoking Issues

- Encourage and help patients to quit smoking.
- Smoking while using home oxygen is not just a personal health hazard but a public safety danger. It puts everyone in the building at risk.



# Smoking can be very dangerous

- No one should smoke in a room where you are using oxygen.
- Put a NO SMOKING sign in every room where oxygen is being used.
- In a kitchen keep oxygen away from the stovetop and oven.
  - Watch out for splattering grease. It can catch fire.
  - Cooking with a microwave is safe.



## Home fire Safety

- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms.
- You and your family should make and practice a home escape plan.



## If you must smoke

- Disconnect the oxygen.
- Wait 10 minutes
- Go outside to smoke
- This gives the oxygen time to come off you hair and clothes into the open air.



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- Oxygen + Smoking is Dangerous
  - Oxygen + Fire is Deadly