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.

**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.

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

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

**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 properly. 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.

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