

Oxygen Safety Policy

Adoration Home Health & Hospice promotes oxygen safety and strongly advises against activities that could endanger patients' safety while oxygen is in use. While oxygen therapy can be a lifesaving intervention for individuals, it can be dangerous if misused. Oxygen itself is not flammable, however it makes flammable objects burn easily. Please read through the following information to learn more about safe oxygen use.

Oxygen therapy DON'Ts:

- Never smoke while using oxygen.
- Do not smoke in the same room that oxygen is in use.
- Do not use an electric razor while using oxygen therapy, as they can put off sparks.
- Do not use oil or petroleum-based products while using oxygen.
- Do not use aerosols such as hair sprays or deodorants whilst using your oxygen equipment.
- Do not use oil-based creams and moisturizers when using your medical oxygen system.

Oxygen therapy DO's:

- Keep the oxygen cylinders at least 10 feet away from open flames, including candles, gas stoves and at least 5 feet away from non-gas ovens and electric heaters.
- Keep oxygen cylinders secure at all times, because if they fall and a valve is loose, they can be very dangerous.
- Ensure that your hands are clean when handling oxygen equipment
- Notify your utility providers and local fire department that you are using oxygen in your home. They can put you on a "top priority listing" in case you lose power.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are all working properly and replace with new batteries as soon as they start to get low.
- Have an escape plan in case of a house fire, so you know what to do immediately and to prevent panic and confusion.
- Store your oxygen equipment when not in use, in an area of the house far from sources of heat.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that Adoration Home Health & Hospice has provided education on oxygen safety and encouraged me to read, or have someone read to me, the Oxygen Safety policy.

Signature: _____

Date: _____