

OXYGEN USE AT HOME

The oxygen in a tank/concentrator is not like the air we breathe. It is highly concentrated and under pressure.

Oxygen in this form is flammable.

Risk of fire



- > Smoking in the same room is never allowed
- > No heat source within 10 feet of the oxygen unit
- > No use of aerosol sprays, alcohol rubs/lotions/Vicks on or near the individual using oxygen
- > No electrical outlets or extension cords within 10 feet of the oxygen unit

Safety and storage



- > The oxygen unit needs to be secured in place so it does not fall over or disturbed
- > Do not store or place under a bed or under clothing or blankets
- > Keep a fire extinguisher nearby

Usage guide



- The Hospice Team will provide the oxygen unit/concentrator and the tubing
- If the tubing becomes soiled or damaged, ask the Hospice Team to change it
- The hospice doctor or nurse will let you know what rate to run the oxygen
- Familiarize yourself with how to turn the tank on and off. Ask the Hospice Team for help
- Oxygen flowing through the tube into the nose can be drying. There are humidifiers that can help. Ask the Hospice Team for recommendations
- Do not change the flow rate without asking your Hospice Team