

Safety and Oxygen

You may become well enough to leave the hospital for a temporary leave, but still need to use your oxygen. Oxygen can make a flame or spark burn hotter and larger, which can cause fires. This document will provide tips to make sure you are using your oxygen safely while away from the hospital.

Oxygen Therapy Safety Tips:

- Keep oxygen away from all flammables and sources of ignition including radiators, furnaces and open flames.
- Keep candles, matches and lighters out of the room where your oxygen is used or stored.
- Keep all oxygen tubing at least 3 meters away from any electrical outlet.
- **Never smoke** when oxygen is in use. All smokers need to be at least 3 meters from the tubing and equipment. This includes electronic cigarettes/vaping devices.
- Only use and store your oxygen in a well ventilated area.
- Never use grease or oil based products on or near your oxygen equipment.
- Do not cook with gas, electric and barbeque sources while wearing oxygen
- Do not use spark or friction generating equipment such as friction toys, grinding tools, electric shavers, and hair dryers while using oxygen or in the presence of oxygen equipment.