



Oxygen Therapy at home

Safety First



Keep the oxygen at least 3 metres away from any open flame or heat source, such as candles, or from anything that could cause a spark.



Do not smoke or let anyone else smoke near the oxygen equipment.



Avoid using anything flammable near the oxygen, including aerosol cans or sprays such as fresheners or deodorants.

Do not allow alcoholic solutions, oil or grease to come into contact with oxygen supply devices, including petroleum jelly.



Store oxygen cylinders in an upright position in a well-ventilated area away from any open flame, heat source or direct sunlight.



Use the correct pressure gauge and regulator.



EMPTY



When a cylinder is almost empty, close the valve and mark the cylinder as empty.



Do not store full and empty cylinders together.



Check that all electrical equipment in the vicinity of the oxygen is properly grounded (earthed).

Avoid using electrical appliances such as hairdryers while oxygen is in use by a patient.



Keep the oxygen equipment clean and dust free.



Always plug your oxygen concentrator into a grounded electrical outlet. Use a proper plug!



Never use an extension cord or power board.



As the oxygen concentrator becomes hot when in use, locate it in a well-ventilated area, away from curtains or drapes.



Do not cover the equipment with cloth or plastic.

Be mindful of the flow settings (Liters per minute).



Be alert for leaks.



Turn off oxygen when not connected to the patient.

