

# HOME OXYGEN SAFETY

Oxygen is very safe when you create the proper environment and conditions. Oxygen will not explode or burn **but** it will cause anything that is burning to burn hotter and faster. By using some of these basic safety rules, you will create a safe environment in which to use your oxygen systems.

## GENERAL HOME OXYGEN SAFETY RULES

**NO-SMOKING SIGNS** should be posted in your home or on exterior doors to alert visitors that oxygen is being used and/or stored in the home.

**NEVER SMOKE** while using oxygen and warn visitors not to smoke near you when you are using oxygen.

Stay at least **FIVE FEET AWAY FROM** open flames including lighted cigarettes, gas stoves, candles, lighted open fireplaces, or other heat sources.

**DO NOT USE ANY FLAMMABLE PRODUCTS** like grease, oils, aerosol sprays or any petroleum-based lubricants or personal hygiene products while using your oxygen.

**STORE YOUR OXYGEN SYSTEM** in a clean secure area away from flammable items. Oxygen cylinders should be secured to prevent accidental falling. Have a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLOSE** by and notify your fire department that you have oxygen in your home.

## WHEN USING AN OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR:

- Avoid using an extension cord
- Store in an area that will allow proper air circulation and prevent overheating (not a closet)
- Store 12-18 inches from drapes or walls



This is for **informational purposes** only & should always be used in conjunction with equipment instructions provided by the manufacturer or your home oxygen provider. For more information visit [American Lung Association](#)