

Home Oxygen Safety

Smoking & Oxygen Are A Deadly Combination

DO

- STOP Smoking... it is the best thing for your health!
- Display signs "No Smoking" in & outside your home
- Store oxygen tanks upright in a stand or cart to prevent tipping
- Stay 10 feet away from stoves, fireplaces, candles, electric razors... anything that could cause a spark. If necessary, allow 10 minutes for oxygen to clear the room
- Have smoke alarms on every level of your home

DON'T

- Ever Smoke... Never! Ask your doctor about nicotine patches or other substitutes
- Wear oxygen while cooking
- Use products with petroleum jelly, menthol rubs, or lip balm
- Drape clothing or lean on the oxygen tank
- Allow anyone to smoke in your home when oxygen is in use

You Can Prevent Burns!

THE FACTS

- ✓ Smoking is the leading cause of burns, reported fires & death involving home oxygen
- ✓ Homes with oxygen in use have oxygen saturated in clothing, furniture and air making it easier for a fire to burn faster & hotter
- ✓ 90% of those burned while on home oxygen suffered facial burns

THE FIX

If a burn injury does happen...

- 1) Cool the burn with COOL (not cold) water to stop the burning process
- 2) Remove all clothing and jewelry from the injured area
- 3) Cover the area with a clean dry sheet or loose bandages
- 4) Seek medical attention



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