



OXYGEN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

What is oxygen?

Oxygen is a safe, non-explosive gas when handled correctly. However, any material that is already burning will burn much faster and hotter in an oxygen-enriched environment, so the following precautions should be observed when you use home oxygen.

Precautions checklist

- ✓ Keep the oxygen at least 3 metres from any open flame or heat source, such as candles, stove, oven, fireplace or from anything that could cause a spark (toaster).
- ✓ Do not smoke near the oxygen equipment.
- ✓ Avoid using anything flammable near the oxygen, including petrol, cleaning fluid, and aerosol cans or sprays such as fresheners or hair spray.
- ✓ Do not allow alcoholic solutions, oil, or grease to come into contact with oxygen supply devices. This includes petroleum jelly-Vaseline, Paw-Paw ointment, Vicks VapoRub.
- ✓ Avoid using electrical appliances such as hairdryers and electric razors while oxygen is in use.
- ✓ Keep the oxygen equipment clean and dust free.
- ✓ Always plug your oxygen concentrator into a grounded electrical outlet. Never use an extension cord or power board.
- ✓ As the oxygen concentrator becomes hot when in use, do not cover the filter area.
- ✓ Have your oxygen concentrator inspected and serviced regularly according to the supplier's instructions.