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OXYGEN SAFETY RULES

Oxygen does not explode and cannot burn by itself. However, fire will occur when oxygen exists in combination with a combustible or flammable material and a source of ignition.

To prevent the chance of a fire, follow these rules:

- **DO NOT** permit the use of open flames or burning tobacco in the room where oxygen is being used or stored. If you are going to smoke, remove the cannula, shut-off the oxygen supply and wait for oxygen to dissipate. Do not smoke within 10 feet of your oxygen source.
- **DO NOT** use any household electric equipment in oxygen enriched areas (e.g., electric razors, heaters, electric blankets). Keep them at least five feet away.
- **DO NOT** use heavy coatings of oily lotions, face creams, or hair dressings while using oxygen.
- **DO NOT** use aerosol sprays in the vicinity of oxygen equipment.
- **DO NOT** use petroleum based products (i.e., petroleum jelly) around oxygen.
- **DO NOT** oil or grease any oxygen equipment.
- **DO NOT** allow oxygen tubing to be covered by any objects.
- **DO NOT** leave oxygen equipment running when it is not being used.
- **DO NOT** abuse or handle oxygen containers roughly.
- **DO NOT** store oxygen in confined areas or in the trunk of your car.
- **DO NOT** allow untrained persons or children to adjust oxygen equipment.
- **DO NOT** store oxygen containers near radiators, heat ducts, steam pipes or other sources of heat.
- **Always** store oxygen cylinders secured with a chain or stand.
- **Never change** your prescribed flow rate without first checking with your doctor.
- Switch to cylinders during an electrical storm.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your home.
- Have working smoke alarms in your home. Test the alarms monthly.