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Oxygen Users - Do's and Do not's

Home Oxygen Assessment Team Respiratory OPD 3 **Countess of Chester Hospital** Liverpool Road Chester CH2 1UL

Telephone: 01244 362541



Do

DO use your oxygen as you have been advised.

DO not alter you flow rate unless you have been told to by the Oxygen Assessment Team.

WHY?

Oxygen is a drug and you can feel worse if you have more than your prescribed rate. If you feel drowsy, muddled or if you start to experience lots of headaches, please contact your Oxygen Assessment Team or your GP.

You can contact the Home Oxygen Assessment Team on 01244 362541 Mon-Fri 09:00 am – 16:30 pm

DO switch off your oxygen when you are not using it, even for short periods of time.

WHY? Surrounding materials (including your clothing) will become soaked in oxygen if left running. This can ignite if it then comes in to contact with a source of heat or a spark. This increases the risk of fire.

DO ensure your oxygen cylinders are kept upright and are not at risk of falling over or being banged in to.

WHY? If your cylinder falls over, it could be damaged, which could alter the flow rate or damage the valve. This could then cause it to leak. This would increase the risk of fire.

DO attend all of you oxygen assessment appointments.

WHY? Oxygen will only be prescribed for as long as it is safe to do so. Without a regular reviews and also safety assessments at home, it may not be safe to continue the oxygen and it will be removed.

Do Not

DO NOT smoke or allow anyone else to smoke in the same rooms as the oxygen

DO NOT use rechargeable electronic cigarettes or use the charger in any area where the oxygen is used or stored.

DO NOT light or tend to candles, oil burners, gas fires or open fires whilst wearing oxygen

DO NOT cook whilst wearing oxygen or sit near any heat source in the kitchen. This includes microwaves.

DO NOT sit close to a fire when using your oxygen or run oxygen tubing close to your fire.

DO NOT store your oxygen in a warm place.

DO NOT let anyone else use your oxygen.

WHY? Oxygen is a prescribed drug and should only be used by you. Oxygen can cause harm if used inappropriately. If the tubing comes in to contact with a heat source it can melt. This will cause the oxygen to leak out and increase the risk of fire.

DO NOT allow the plastic tubing to become tangled or trapped.

WHY? If this happens, the flow of oxygen will be affected. Check your tubing regularly for signs of damage and keep it tidy as untidy tubing can increase the risk of tripping over it.

DO NOT use any oil or paraffin based creams/ointments (such as Vaseline/E45/any cream for skin conditions) on your hands or face. Check for the ingredients in your cream to see if it contains oil or paraffin.

WHY? These creams can make oxygen more flammable which increases the risk of fire. If you use any creams on your body, this can soak in to your clothes which can also increase the risk of fire. Ask your Pharmacist or the Oxygen Assessment Team for advice.