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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