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Home Oxygen and Fire Safety

**Now you are benefitting
from oxygen therapy in
your home, please follow
the important advice in
this leaflet to help keep
yourself safe from fire.**



Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service provides home fire safety advice to keep you safe at home.

If you are concerned about your fire safety, or the fire safety of others, please visit our website below to complete our online assessment for personalised advice or to find out if you are eligible for a Home Fire Safety Assessment.

manchesterfire.gov.uk

To avoid serious injury while using oxygen, follow the fire safety advice below:

- ✗ Never smoke, or let anyone else smoke near you, when using your oxygen equipment. Never smoke in bed.
- ✗ Never cook with gas or an open flame while using your oxygen equipment.
- ✗ Never use oxygen equipment near open fires or naked flames.
- ✗ Never charge or use any electrical appliances, such as electric razors, hairdryers or electronic cigarettes, whilst using your oxygen equipment.

Oxygen will remain in clothing for up to 20 minutes after the oxygen equipment has been turned off. Make sure you ventilate your clothing in the open air for at least 20 minutes before smoking or going near an open flame or source of ignition.

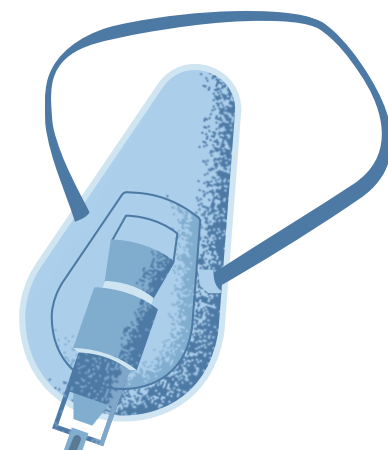
Further safety information

- ✗ Never remove or tamper with the firebreaks in the tubing. A firebreak is an important safety device fitted within the tubing attached to the oxygen equipment.
- ✓ Ensure the oxygen equipment is stored in a well-ventilated area, kept clean, dry and away from any heat sources, e.g. gas or electric fires and cookers.

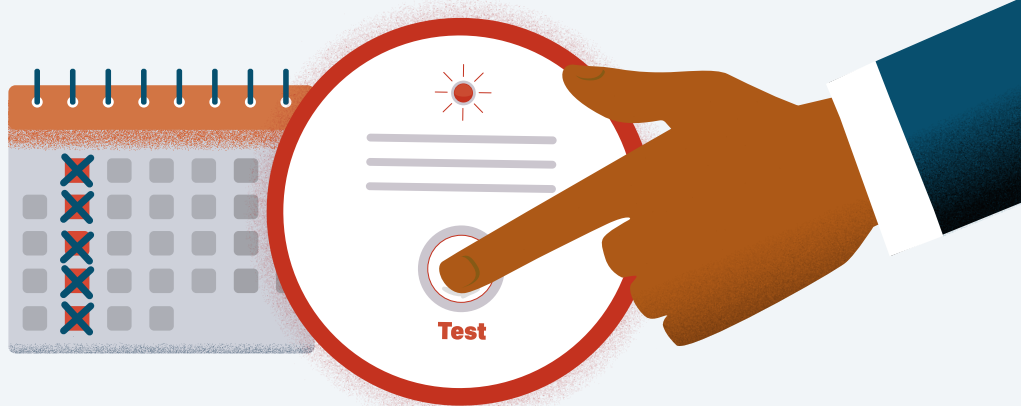
- ✓ Make sure you understand how to use your oxygen equipment.
- ✓ Turn off your oxygen equipment when not in use.

- ! Take care when oxygen tubing is trailing behind you and around your feet. Extra care is needed when moving around the home, especially on staircases.
- ! Ensure the oxygen tubing does not pass close to naked flames including gas fires, gas cookers and candles, or hot items such as electric cookers and electric heaters.
- ! If paraffin-based or paraffin-free emollient products, such as creams, get onto fabrics, the dried residue will make the fabric more flammable. If there is any risk that your clothes, bedding or bandages are contaminated with emollient residue don't smoke, or go near naked flames, smoking materials, cookers, heaters or other ignition sources.

For further information or advice regarding your oxygen equipment contact your supplier.



**Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home
and test your alarms weekly.**



A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time to:



Get out



Stay out



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