

Prevent Kitchen Fires: Use Medical Oxygen Safely at Home



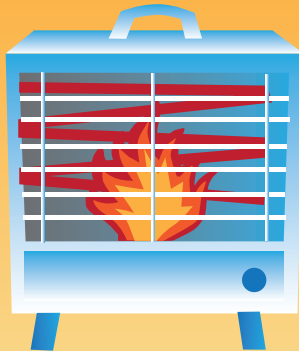
Never cook while you are using medical oxygen. If the stove is in use the person using oxygen should remain at least five feet away

Keep items containing oil and grease away when oxygen is in use, they are easily ignited.



Keep oxygen cylinders out of the kitchen and away from other areas where fire and excess heat may be present. Excess heat sources include candles, wood stoves, fireplaces and electrical appliances.

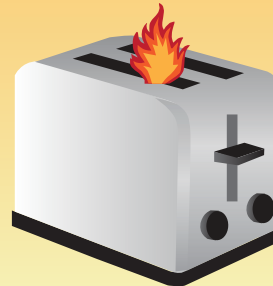
Do not use space heaters or an oven near medical oxygen. Ovens, space heaters, and other heating devices, should be kept at least five feet away from the oxygen canister.



Do not operate a toaster, toaster oven, or other appliance that gives off excessive heat if you are using medical oxygen.



Never use a candle, match, lighter or other open flame when medical oxygen is in use in the home.



Never use aerosol sprays containing combustible materials near the oxygen canister. Examples include some kitchen cleaners or deodorizers

Storing medical oxygen safely at home

Make sure that all oxygen cylinders that are not in use have their valves fully closed at all times.

Medical oxygen cylinders that are not being used should be stored at least five feet away from heat sources such as the stove/oven, furnace, water heater, open flames and items that use electricity.



Make sure you have smoke alarms and that they are working properly.

Store cylinders in well vented areas. Storage in non-vented small spaces such as a closet, where oxygen can accumulate, can pose a hazard.

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