



# ThedaCare®

## At Home

### SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR OXYGEN USE

Oxygen does not explode. Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) does not burn by itself, but it is one of the three ingredients necessary for a fire to occur. The others are 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, burning tobacco or using an e-cigarette in the same room or area where oxygen is being used or stored.
- DO NOT** use any household electric equipment in an oxygen enriched environment, especially a gas or electric stove. Items such as electric razors, heaters, electric blankets, shop grinders should be kept at least 10 feet from your oxygen.
- DO NOT** use extension cords.
- DO NOT** use heavy coatings of oily lotions, face creams, or hair dressings while receiving oxygen.
- DO NOT** use any petroleum or ethyl alcohol within the vicinity of the oxygen.
- DO NOT** use aerosol sprays in the vicinity of oxygen equipment.
- DO NOT** allow oxygen tubing to be covered by any objects.
- DO NOT** store/transport oxygen in a confined area (closet or trunk of vehicle).
- DO NOT** store oxygen containers near sources of heat (radiators, heat ducts, stoves, fireplaces).
- DO NOT** allow untrained persons to use or adjust equipment.
- DO NOT** alter your prescribed liter flow. This could cause significant health consequences.
- DO NOT** leave oxygen on when equipment is not in use.
- DO NOT** attempt to repair oxygen equipment; contact ThedaCare At Home.
- DO NOT** alter your circuit breaker or fuse box in any way to accommodate electrical requirements of an oxygen concentrator.
- DO NOT** leave oxygen in vehicle during extreme temperatures.
- DO** secure all cylinders with stand, cart, or appropriate carrying case.
- DO** transport oxygen in the back seat of your vehicle and secure it using seat belts or place on floor and cushion with blankets.
- DO** open window approximately one inch when transporting your oxygen.
- DO** display your NO SMOKING sign at the entrance of your home at all times.
- DO** have functional smoke detectors and fire extinguishers available at all times.
- DO** contact ThedaCare At Home 24/7 with any questions or problems related to the safe and effective use of your oxygen equipment.

YOUR Physician has prescribed your oxygen to be used as:

\_\_\_\_\_ LPM at Rest/Awake      \_\_\_\_\_ LPM with Activity      \_\_\_\_\_ LPM with Sleep

**NEVER ALTER THE OXYGEN LITER FLOW UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY YOUR PHYSICIAN.  
Please notify ThedaCare At Home if changes are made to your oxygen prescription.**