

## Storing oxygen

Make sure that oxygen cylinders are stored safely out of direct sunlight.

Store them in a well-ventilated area that is dry and away from any heat sources.

Areas used to store oxygen should not be used to store paint, oil, grease or any domestic heating gases or other combustible materials.

## If you discover a fire:

- get out
- stay out
- call 999 and inform the operator that you have oxygen on your premises.



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If you or someone in your home uses oxygen, you need to be aware of the fire risks.

Oxygen is an oxidising agent which means that it helps things burn more easily and more fiercely. Higher oxygen concentrations mean greater risk.

**Please note you are no longer required to inform the fire service if you use oxygen.**

### When oxygen is in use:

- Keep internal doors open to ventilate the room and stop concentrated oxygen building up.
- Always turn off your oxygen supply when you have finished using it.

### Smoke alarms

You should have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of your home and make sure that they are tested at least once a month.



## Flames and oxygen

- Never use oxygen equipment near open fires or naked flames.
- Never cook whilst using your oxygen.
- Never smoke or let anyone else smoke near you when using oxygen.
- If you do smoke, wait 20 minutes after finishing a cigarette, ensuring that it is properly extinguished, before using oxygen equipment.

**There are certain activities which increase your risk of fire, so need to be avoided when using oxygen.**

- Never use any electrical appliances such as electric razors or hairdryers whilst using your oxygen.
- Avoid using skin creams or barrier medications (sometimes called emollients) that contain petroleum, oil or paraffin as they are highly flammable. Ask your pharmacist or care provider to recommend suitable non-flammable alternatives.
- Never use aerosol sprays such as deodorant or hairspray when using oxygen.