

eAppendix

Home Oxygen Safety Assessment and Education Agreement

Veteran Is a Smoker

Yes No Recently stopped smoking weeks/months ago

Veteran smokes while wearing oxygen Yes No N/A

Does anyone smoke around you while you are wearing oxygen?

Yes No

Veteran was educated/informed on the following:

1. Oxygen is a colorless, odorless gas that is part of the air we breathe and it should help you breathe easier.

Yes No

2. Oxygen causes flames to burn faster and hotter so homes where oxygen is used are under an increased fire danger.

Yes No

3. NO one should smoke in a home in which oxygen is being used. DO NOT allow smoking in your home, car, or other places where oxygen is being used.

Yes No

4. Patients should post "NO Smoking" and "Oxygen in Use" signs at the entrances of your home or where you are living.

Yes NO

5. If you must smoke, shut OFF the oxygen at the valve, wait at least 10 minutes and then go outdoors before lighting up.

Yes No

6. Do NOT store oxygen tanks in a closet, trunk, box or other area with poor ventilation.

Yes No

7. Keep oxygen tanks out of direct sunlight whenever possible.

Yes No

8. Keep liquids that may catch fire away from your oxygen. This includes cleaning products that contain oil, grease, alcohol or other liquids that can burn.

Yes No

9. Store tanks upright in a rack or cart. When moving an oxygen tank, use a shoulder bag or wheeled cart.

Yes No

10. Do not use a tank that has previously fallen over or is damaged in any way.

Yes No

11. Do not use or store your oxygen within 15 feet of a heat source such as a stove, radiator, fireplace, space heater, floor furnace, propane tanks, gas grills, candles, matches or baseboard heating unit.

Yes No

12. Keep oxygen at least 15 feet away from electric blanket, hairdryers, electric razors, electric toothbrushes or anything else that could produce a spark. Electrical equipment may spark and cause a fire.

Yes No

13. Always turn off oxygen tanks and oxygen concentrators when they are not in use.

Yes No

14. Do not use tubing that is kinked, cracked or otherwise damaged. Oxygen tubing should not be crimped, rolled over or stepped on.

Yes No

15. Keep the oxygen tubing in sight. DO NOT put the tubing under furniture, bed covers, carpets, clothing or other items. This could kink the tube and prevent the flow of oxygen through the tubing.

Yes No

16. Oxygen is a drug-DO NOT turn it up or down. Keep the oxygen set at what the physician prescribed. Too much oxygen can be as dangerous as not enough oxygen. Your oxygen prescription is for:

at rest, with activity and with sleep, with oxymizer.

Yes No

17. Keep at least a 3 day supply of portable oxygen on hand so that it does not run out. Your Home Oxygen Co-coordinator can help you determine what a 3-day supply is.

Yes No

18. When you come to the Medical Center for appointments ALWAYS make sure you have enough oxygen to use for when you return home. We will not provide oxygen for you to return home.

Yes No

19. Do not use vaseline or other petroleum-based products around the mouth or nose or upper part of your body when wearing oxygen. You may use a water soluble product such as aloe vera and K-Y jelly to moisten your lips or nose. Yes No

20. Humidification is not needed if the oxygen flow liter is 4 liters per minute or less.

Yes No

21. Make sure you have working home smoke detectors and have a working fire extinguisher in your home. Be sure to test your smoke detectors and change the battery as needed.

Yes No

22. If you think there is a problem with your oxygen equipment, do not try to fix it. Call your vendor for help.

Yes No

23. It is important that you keep your scheduled appointments for requalifying for home oxygen. Failure to meet requalification requirements or smoke while using oxygen could result in the VA not providing oxygen to you. You must be seen at least yearly; if you smoke or live with a smoker then you must be seen every 6 months.

Yes No

24. You must allow the oxygen vendor into your home to assess the equipment. This is part of the VA contract with the company and is to prevent safety or equipment malfunctions.

Yes No

25. Be careful when traveling with oxygen:

a. NO smoking in the car

b. Never put oxygen into a hot vehicle

- c. Never put oxygen into the trunk
- d. Secure the oxygen to avoid rolling or banging. You could secure your tank with a seat belt in a seat that is next to you.
- e. Make sure there is air movement in the vehicle.
- f. Try to take the most direct route and try to avoid heavy traffic.
- g. When you arrive at your location, remove the oxygen from your vehicle right away. Never leave it in a vehicle as it could get hot from the sun.
- h. Do not travel with more than 3 oxygen tanks in your vehicle.
- i. If you are going on vacation or leaving town, call your home oxygen coordinator one month in advance to arrange travel for you. The home oxygen coordinator will need to know where you are going, when you will leave, when you will return and the address of where you are staying.

26. Patient/Family/Caregiver Response: (Check all that apply)

- Understands oxygen safety education
- Not receptive to learning
- Needs repetitive education-reinforcement needed
- Unable to evaluate

27. Is the veteran a fall risk?
 Yes No

28. Is the veteran high risk?
 Yes, veteran will need to be seen again in 6 months
 No

29. Veteran has signed the Home Oxygen Program Agreement and has been given a copy.
 Yes No

30. Veteran has signed the Warning to Patients Who Smoke Document and been given a copy.
 Yes No

31. Veteran has been issued a copy of the Smoke Alarm Requirements for Home Oxygen Patients.

Yes

No

32. Is veteran interested in smoking cessation courses/treatment

Yes No

33. Who was notified for further smoking cessation instructions_____