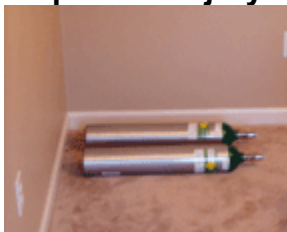


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**Safe Practices for Handling and Operating Oxygen Equipment**

Oxygen -- used for medical reasons -- should be handled carefully. Although oxygen does not burn, it supports combustion. Materials that can burn are ignited more readily and burn more rapidly in the presence of oxygen. Metal cylinders are used to store oxygen under high pressure.

**To prevent injury or damage:**



**DO** -- store oxygen cylinders on their side in clean, dry locations away from direct sunlight, extreme heat or high-traffic areas



**DO NOT** -- store cylinders under beds



**DO NOT** -- store cylinders in closets



**DO NOT** -- store cylinders in an unsecured, upright position



**DO NOT** -- allow smoking around oxygen



**DO NOT** -- store cylinders in car trunks



**DO NOT** -- store cylinders near open flames or extreme heat