

Riverview Gardens - Municipality of Chatham-Kent
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OXYGEN – ANNEX O

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Riverview Gardens will ensure a safe and reliable source of oxygen is available for residents to use based on their care plans. RVG will implement the following procedures.

Procedures

Oxygen

Any resident who is on oxygen therapy should have a sign outside their door that reads”

“OXYGEN IN USE”

Gas Oxygen Spill

If there is excessive gas leakage from the stroller, noted by a loud hissing noise, the nurse should remove the stroller from the patient's room and place it in a safe area, back-up oxygen room on west side of floors.

Safety gloves and glasses should be used, contact ProResp at 519-354-1301 to report the problem.

If it's the base unit, do not move from back-up room and contact ProResp at 519-354-1301

Liquid Oxygen Spill

If liquid is spraying from the stroller or base unit, **extreme caution** must be exercised.

If the stroller has been knocked over a small amount of liquid may be venting. In this case, gloves and eye protection should be used and the stroller placed in an upright position, allow it to warm to room temperature, ensure that venting has stopped prior to returning to service.

If there is a large amount of liquid venting, the patient should be removed from the room and the door left open. This will prevent an oxygen enriched environment. Once all of the liquid has vented from the stroller, staff should use gloves and safety glasses to remove the stroller to a safe area (back-up room on west side of floors) and contact ProResp at 519-354-1301 to report the problem.

*At no time should staff be transporting a stroller that is venting liquid oxygen.

If the base unit is leaking liquid, avoid anyone entering the room, door should be left open and Pro Resp should be contacted immediately at 519-354-1301.

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There should not be a circumstance where a wing or floor would need to be evacuated. The stroller contains a relatively small amount of oxygen and removal of a patient from their room would be enough to prevent them from being splashed with liquid oxygen. The base unit contains more volume than the portable, however, there is no reason the wing or floor needs to be evacuated. Avoiding the area would be enough to prevent liquid oxygen splashing on someone.