



Trouves Health Care

TITLE:	OXYGEN USE	POLICY 9.02
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Authority: RCW18.20.130
UFC Section 204-C
NFPA Article 99 Section 8-6.2.5
CGA pamphlet P-27 Guide for Safe Storage, Handling and Use of Portable Liquid Oxygen Systems in Health Care Facilities
WAC 388-78A-2600
Fire Protection Bureau Code Interpretation No 98-01

PURPOSE:

This policy describes Trouves use of personal oxygen.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Trouves employees.

POLICY:

We recognize that oxygen may be a necessary requirement for a resident's comfort and ability to function at the highest level of independence possible. We also recognize that oxygen presents a potential risk for fire, explosion and injury from unsafe handling. We will work closely with the resident, resident representative, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and local fire officials to promote safe use and storage of oxygen in the facility. We will assist residents to store and use oxygen in a safe manner.

It is the policy of this facility that transfilling of oxygen is strictly prohibited.

The policy of this facility will be to follow the guidelines established by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in Code Ruling Number 01-01 through 04 dated 8/1/01 until these guidelines are superseded by newer guidelines from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

EXCEPTIONS:

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

SUPERCEDES:

None