

The RINJ Foundation

MEDICAL OXYGEN SAFETY

- **DO** make sure that oxygen is flowing before placing the delivery device over the victim's mouth and nose.
- **DO NOT** use oxygen around flames or sparks. Oxygen causes fire to burn more rapidly. Do not smoke or let anyone else smoke around oxygen in transport, in use or on standby.
- **DO NOT** use grease, oil or other petroleum products to lubricate or clean the pressure regulator or any fitting hoses, etc. This could cause an explosion.
- **DO NOT** stand oxygen cylinders upright unless they are secured in a rack or cart approved for such use. Note that if an oxygen cylinder falls, the regulator or valve could be damaged. Oxygen cylinders are under high pressure and any breakage can cause serious injury.
- **DO NOT** hold onto protective valve caps, valves or valve guards when moving or lifting cylinders.
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- **DO NOT** alter or remove any labeling or markings on the oxygen cylinder or attached equipment.
- **DO NOT** attempt to mix gases in an oxygen cylinder or transfer oxygen from one cylinder to another.
- **DO NOT** store oxygen cylinders near flammables or hot water heaters, near electric or phone boxes, where they can have something heavy fall on them, where they could be tipped over or exposed to heat or direct sunlight.
- **DO NOT** store oxygen cylinders where temperatures may rise above 125°F (51.6°C).