The Des Moines Fire Department wants to ensure that you are safe. We have seen many fires involving oxygen where smoking or other ignition sources are present. This creates a dangerous situation, please take a few moments to read through the following guidelines about oxygen safety and post the magnet we have provided for you on your refrigerator to provide a reminder of the dangers oxygen may present.

- **Never Smoke** in a home where oxygen is in use.
- Keep all **ignition sources** away from oxygen.
  - Examples of ignitions sources include:
    - Cigarettes, matches, lighters, candles, and other open flames
- Post “**no smoking**” signs inside and outside of the home.
- Make sure that your home has **working smoke alarms (with working batteries)** and test them monthly.
- Don’t wear oxygen while **cooking**.
- Keep working **fire extinguishers** nearby.

Any comments or questions regarding the above information may be submitted to:

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