



Important information

transporting home oxygen patients by ambulance

Should a patient require transportation into hospital, **their concentrator and other oxygen equipment should simply be switched off and left in place for when the patient returns.**

This equipment is needed in the patient's home to ensure their oxygen requirements are met once they are discharged from hospital. **If the equipment is taken, then discharge could be unnecessarily delayed to allow time for us to replace any missing equipment. This includes consumables such as cannula, mask and tubing.**

The flow rate setting on oxygen equipment must never be altered unless an appropriate Healthcare Professional has specifically requested it.

Some patients are being discharged from hospital using consumables that have not been tested for use with our equipment. This is inadvisable due to the following reasons:

- Firebreaks are fitted to our tubing to prevent fire spreading. Tubing without firebreaks is unsafe in the event of a fire
- Only our consumables have been tested for compatibility with our equipment

- All tubing must be crush resistant to ensure it does not occlude as a patient mobilises
- Green bubble tubing is not crush resistant and does not have secure trumpet ports unlike our tubing. The tubing can easily detach or occlude, reducing or even blocking the flow of oxygen to the patient
- We can only guarantee the tubing we supply as it has been thoroughly tested during the installation for leaks and other defects
- Do not extend our tubing with hospital tubing when a patient returns home as this could increase the risk of trips and falls. Tubing from Baywater has been left in accordance with risk assessment completed by our engineer
- Third party tubing may impact on the flow of oxygen from our equipment

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OXYGEN EQUIPMENT
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