

Power failure emergency planning

VITALAIRE's primary concern is for your safety. If you have lung disease, there is a good chance that you will be at risk during an emergency or disaster if there is an electrical power failure and your oxygen concentrator cannot be used. You are encouraged to develop an emergency plan in the event of power failure. Everyone in your family, including your physician, carers and neighbours should be included in this plan.

It is recommended that you review your oxygen emergency plan together every 6 months or more frequently if there is a change in your oxygen needs. You should document your emergency oxygen plan and keep it readily available so that you can refer to it when needed. Your relatives/carers/neighbours/physician/friends may assist you in developing this emergency plan.

Preparing for an Emergency

Use this checklist to help you prepare your oxygen emergency plan of action in the event of a power failure.

- My electricity provider has been advised that I am dependent on electricity to supply my oxygen.
- I check on a weekly basis that my emergency oxygen back-up cylinder is full (script dependent)
- I have torches with spare batteries available for emergency use
- If a telephone is not available, alternate assistance has been arranged
- I have a radio with spare batteries available for emergency use to hear electricity supply updates
- I have the names and contact numbers of my family or friends that I can go to in an event that there is no power in my area
- I have the names and telephone numbers of support services I may require written on my plan. These may include: Police, State Emergency Service, Ambulance, Community Health Centre, Doctor(s), family, VITALAIRE and anyone else you deem important that can assist.
- I will date my plan and review every 6 months
- This plan is easily accessible in case of emergency

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My power failure oxygen emergency plan:

- Step 1:** Use the torch if lighting is required - **NEVER** use matches or candles
- Step 2:** Shut the power off at the outlet of the stationary oxygen concentrator
- Step 3:** Contact the electricity supplier to see how long the power failure will last
- Step 5:** Make arrangements with family or friends who have power to accommodate you and the use of your concentrator
- Step 6:** Limit my physical activity and stay calm and relaxed
- Step 7:** Listen to the radio for updates

My Emergency Contacts

EMERGENCY CONTACTS		
CONTACT	COMPANY / NAME	PHONE No.
Police		
State Emergency Service		
Ambulance		
Community Health Centre		
Electrical Supplier		
Primary Physician		
Physician – other		
Primary Carer		
Neighbour		
Family Member/Friend		
Home Oxygen Supplier	VitalAire	086 111 478
Hospital		
If a telephone is unavailable my plan is:		
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Other important information:		
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