

Clinton Area Transit

Oxygen and Respirator Policy

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CLINTON AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM

OXYGEN AND RESPIRATOR POLICY

- ▶ It shall be the policy of Clinton Area Transit System to transport oxygen cylinders and respirators as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. To facilitate this, Clinton Area Transit System will only transport oxygen in cylinders maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Clinton Area Transit System cannot prohibit these devices. Clinton Area Transit will require respirators and oxygen cylinders to be in good working condition and all oxygen tanks be secured.
- ▶ Before boarding with the oxygen, drivers shall listen for leaks in the cylinder and visually inspect the cylinder for dents, gouges, or pitting. If any of these conditions exist, Clinton Area Transit System will not transport the cylinder.
- ▶ Drivers shall never drag or roll a cylinder or carry a cylinder by the valve or regulator. Drivers shall handle oxygen cylinders with care during loading and unloading. No more than three (3) cylinders shall be transported on one bus.
- ▶ Drivers shall secure each cylinder to prevent movement and leakage. "Secure" means the cylinder is not free to move when the vehicle is in motion.
- ▶ Drivers shall never store cylinders in the aisle of the vehicle and passengers requiring oxygen must not restrict access to exits or use of the aisle.
- ▶ Upon reaching the passengers destination, all oxygen cylinders will be immediately removed from the vehicle.
- ▶ Smoking and open flames are prohibited on Clinton Area Transit System vehicles at all times. Since a release of oxygen from a cylinder could accelerate a fire, cylinders must be secured away from the sources of heat or potential sparks.
- ▶ Passengers are asked to notify Dispatch of oxygen cylinders or respirator use when booking a trip.