

# NEVER BUY HOME OXYGEN ONLINE

**Oxygen is a drug which should only be prescribed to you by a clinical specialist. Buying it online for home oxygen therapy is dangerous.**



Home oxygen therapy involves breathing in air from an oxygen cylinder or concentrator machine that contains a higher concentration of oxygen than normal.

It is used for adults and children who do not have enough oxygen in their blood.

A clinical specialist will assess you to decide if you need home oxygen therapy. Please do not buy oxygen without this assessment.

If you need oxygen, they will prescribe you medically graded oxygen treatment/equipment from one of England's approved oxygen suppliers (Air Liquide, BOC, Vivisol or Baywater).

**If you or your child feel you need oxygen therapy, please contact your GP for an assessment**

Buying non-prescribed oxygen online and taking oxygen incorrectly can lead to:

## Health Risk

**Lung and vital organ damage | Oxygen poisoning | Brain and eye issues in premature babies | Oxygen related death**

## Safety Risks

Buying oxygen online without having a home safety assessment increases the risks of fire and safety hazards.

Smoking whilst using oxygen or being around oxygen equipment can cause fires and burns on the body.

**Contact the London Fire Brigade for more information on fire risk assessment or to order a smoke alarm**  
**Telephone: 080 0028 4428**  
**Email: [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk)**  
**[www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk)**

**For more information, please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/home-oxygen-treatment](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/home-oxygen-treatment)**