

ASSISTING PASSENGERS WHO ARE OXYGEN DEPENDENT

It is the policy of Palace Transit to make transportation resources available to passengers who are dependent upon portable oxygen, consistent with their needs and care planning.

These reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate these passengers, as much as practicable, and consistent with good safety practices.

All drivers and others who assist in transportation will be aware of the features and problems associated with portable oxygen. Specific procedures will be available as necessary.

The following general procedures apply:

All oxygen containers must be secured during transportation. Containers, which are normally secured to a wheelchair, may stay in those securements.

Containers, which are attached to mobility aids, such as wheeled walker, must be separately secured to the vehicle.

Any additional spare tanks must also be secured to the vehicle.

The test for adequate securement will be that the tank would not reasonably be expected to break free from the securements in the event of a slow or moderate speed crash. This allows for the use of metal racks or heavy-duty rubber straps, as long as the device is in good repair and adequate to the stated task.

Unless special approval is received, only one spare portable tank may be carried per oxygen dependent passenger. Requests for special approval should be made to the Transportation supervisor.