

## OGEMAW COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

### PORTABLE OXYGEN CYLINDER AND RESPIRATOR POLICY

Ogemaw County Public Transit will transport portable oxygen and respirator apparatus as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and cannot prohibit these devices on public transit vehicles. Only apparatus that are maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions will be transported. Apparatus must be in good working condition and all apparatuses must be secured.

Before boarding a bus with an oxygen apparatus, drivers will listen for leaks in the apparatus and inspect the apparatus for dents, gouges, or pitting. If any of these conditions exist, the apparatus will not be transported.

Drivers will never drag, roll, or carry an apparatus by the valve or regulator. Drivers will handle the apparatus with care during passenger loading and unloading. The agency may limit the number of cylinders to be transported on board the vehicle to the extent practicable.

Drivers will secure each apparatus to prevent movement or leakage. "Secure" means the cylinder is not free to move when the vehicle is in motion. Unsecured apparatus pose a serious threat of injury in the event of a sudden stop or collision.

Drivers will never store apparatus in the aisle of the vehicle and passengers requiring oxygen must not restrict access to exits or use of the aisle.

Upon reaching the passenger's destination, the apparatus will be immediately removed from the vehicle.

Smoking and open flames are always prohibited on Ogemaw County Public Transit vehicles. Because the release of oxygen from an apparatus could accelerate a fire, apparatus will be secured away from sources of heat or potential sparks.

Passengers are asked to notify Ogemaw County Public Transit of oxygen apparatus use when scheduling their trip.

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to:

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