



Portable Oxygen Breathing Aids	
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Purpose

To instruct employees on safe transport of portable oxygen units used by passengers.

GUIDELINES

- 1) Passengers are permitted to board with portable oxygen units. Passengers should inform the office staff at the time of the trip request that they will be boarding with a portable oxygen unit.
 - a. Office staff are to advise the passenger of the estimated length of time that the passenger is expected to be on the vehicle. This may impact the quantity of oxygen the passenger requires.
- 2) The driver should only transport oxygen maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The instructions and precautions are usually printed on a label attached to the unit. Each unit should be equipped with a valve protection cap.
- 3) The driver must ensure that the portable oxygen unit is secured. "Secured" means the unit is not free to move when the vehicle is in motion. Passengers may hold the portable oxygen unit.
 - a. Containers commonly secured to a mobility device such as a wheelchair may remain in those securements.
- 4) The driver will not secure the portable oxygen unit.
- 5) The driver may assist securing mobility aids, however the driver will be required to secure wheelchairs and scooters.
 - a. Portable oxygen units or other medical support equipment shall not be placed in the aisle. The driver should ensure that the seat of the passenger with oxygen does not restrict access to exits or use of the aisle.