

Power Failure Emergency Plan for MASS 48

This form is designed for oxygen concentrator clients

Emergency Plan for Users of Oxygen Concentrators in the Event of a Power Failure

Concentrators require electricity to produce oxygen. When a power failure occurs your concentrator will not provide you with oxygen.

Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS) provides a backup oxygen cylinder for people with concentrators who are dependent on oxygen 24 hours per day, or whose doctor indicates there could be a life threatening situation in the event of a power failure.

You are urged to develop an emergency plan to use in the event of a power failure. Your doctor and relatives/carers/neighbours could assist you to develop this emergency plan. This emergency plan should be written on the reverse page and attached to your oxygen concentrator so that you can refer to it when needed.

You should review your emergency plan every six months or more frequently if there is a change in your oxygen needs.

The MASS **Handbook for Home Oxygen Therapy – 2014** also has a section on the last page to record this information.

PREPARATION STEPS FOR YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

This checklist will assist you to develop your own emergency plan for action in the event of a power failure. (✓ to indicate as completed)

- I have advised my local electricity supplier that I am dependent on electricity for oxygen, as the electricity supplier may have a priority list of customers with special needs.
- Any additional information suggested by my doctor has been included in my plan (e.g. my oxygen flow rate).
- If I have MASS backup cylinders:**
 - I keep my backup cylinder/s handy and check my cylinders and equipment each week.
 - I will advise the firm supplying my oxygen cylinder/s if there is any malfunction.
 - I will contact my local MASS service centre or Community Health Centre to order another cylinder if the oxygen level is reduced to about ¼ full or under 500kPa after a previous power failure.
- A torch with spare batteries is available for emergency use.
- A radio with spare batteries is available for emergency use to hear electricity supply updates.
- If a telephone is not available, alternate assistance has been arranged and recorded on my plan.
- Names and telephone numbers of neighbours/friends/relatives who could assist me are written on my plan.
- Names and telephone numbers of those support services I may require are written on my plan (e.g. electricity supplier, doctor, ambulance, Community Health Centre, police, hospital, State Emergency Service, etc.).
- I have dated my plan and I am aware of the need to review it at six monthly intervals.
- I have attached my completed emergency plan to my concentrator.

POWER FAILURE EMERGENCY PLAN

Date:	
Step 1	Use torch for lighting
Step 2	Use oxygen cylinders if available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not use matches or naked flame • My flow rate as advised by my doctor is litres per minute
Step 3	Telephone electricity supplier to see how long the power failure will last
Step 4	Telephone appropriate emergency contacts as listed
Step 5	Limit my physical activity and stay calm and relaxed
Step 6	Listen to the radio for updates

Telephone Numbers for Contact in a Power Failure	
Name	Telephone No.
Electricity Supplier	
Ambulance	
Doctor	
Community Health Centre	

If a telephone is unavailable my plan is:

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Other important information:

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