

NFPA, JCI/TJC, other oxygen system standards and fire safety

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1. Free online access to all NFPA codes is available. e.g. **NFPA 53 Recommended Practice on Materials, Equipment, and Systems Used in Oxygen-Enriched Atmospheres** : <https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=53>
2. Free online access to **NFPA-55 Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code** available: <https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=55>
3. Free online access to NFPA **Medical Gas System** standards are in Chapter 5 of **NFPA 99 Health Care Facilities Code** <https://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=99>
4. NFPA Medical oxygen safety poster: <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/OxygenSafety.ashx>
5. NFPA Guidance on Medical Gas Cylinder Storage <https://www.nfpa.org/~media/4B6B534171E04E369864672EBB319C4F.pdf>
6. <https://www.nfpa.org/Codes-and-Standards/Resources/Standards-in-action/NFPA-responds-to-the-coronavirus>
7. NFPA: Code Compliance on Hold (during COVID pandemic) Presents Risks <https://www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research/Publications-and-media/NFPA-Journal/2020/May-June-2020/Features/COVID/Facilities>
8. NFPA guidance on temporary compliance options for COVID <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/White-papers/TemporaryComplianceOptionsHCWhitePaper.ashx>
9. NFPA article on OR Fires (published in 2012), still relevant: <https://www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research/Publications-and-media/NFPA-Journal/2012/January-February-2012/Features/Operation-Fire-Safety>
10. NFPA Blog on May 2020 Russian Hospital fire: <https://community.nfpa.org/community/nfpa-today/blog/2020/05/12/russian-hospital-fires-underscore-importance-of-not-losing-sight-of-fire-safety-during-pandemic>
11. Similar oxygen-accelerated ventilator fire and deaths in 1993 at the Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY and 3 persons died in the explosion (<https://www.nytimes.com/1993/09/02/nyregion/3-patients-die-in-explosion-at-hospital.html>).
12. NFPA re Burn Treatment: <https://www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research/Publications-and-media/NFPA-Journal/2020/January-February-2020/Features/Burn-Treatment>
13. MAINTAINING SAFE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Code-or-topic-fact-sheets/MaintainingSafeHealthCareFactSheet.ashx>
14. NHS US Safety Alert about oxygen delivery flow failure <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Patient-Safety-Alert-Failure-to-open-oxygen-cylinders.pdf>
15. NHS US report on Oxygen Safety in Hospitals <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Implementing-the-RRR-Oxygen-safety-in-hospitals-FAQs-2009-12-16-v1.pdf>
16. NHS guidance document on safe handling and administration of medical gases <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjim4n8012>
17. Joint Commission (JC) publication on safe home oxygen therapy: <https://www.jcrinc.com/sitecore/media-library/deprecated-unorganized/imported-assets/jcr/assets/digital-experience/ps/final-content/ps1pdf/>
18. Free Hospital Fire Safety checklist that is cross referenced to NFPA and JC standards: <https://www.qrfs.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/QRFS-Hospital-Fire-Safety-Checklist.pdf>