

Storage of Entonox Cylinders at home prior to home birth



1. Cylinders should be handled carefully. They must not be knocked violently or thrown.
2. Cylinders should not be lifted by the caps or valves.
3. **Smoking and naked lights must not be used where an Entonox cylinder is stored, or in use. For example open fires, candles or gas hobs.**
4. Cylinders containing oxygen / nitrous oxide gas should be stored horizontally in a warm environment between 10°C and 35°C.
5. Cylinders should not be exposed to freezing temperatures.
6. Cylinders must be stored out of the way of small children. Cylinders are heavy and will hurt if dropped.
7. Do not allow the cylinder valve to get wet.
8. The Entonox tubing and regulator will be brought separately by the attending midwife.

If you need your information in another language or medium (audio, large print, etc) please contact Customer Care on 0800 374 208 or send an email to: customer care@salisbury.nhs.uk

You are entitled to a copy of any letter we write about you. Please ask if you want one when you come to the hospital.

Please complete The Friends & Family Test to tell us about your experience at: www.salisbury.nhs.uk/FriendsFamily or download our App from the Apple App store or Google Play Store.

The evidence used in the preparation of this leaflet is available on request. Please email: patient.information@salisbury.nhs.uk if you would like a reference list.

Woman's name: _____

and signature: _____ date _____

Midwife's name: _____

and signature: _____ date _____

If the above instructions are not followed, then, under Trust Health and Safety Guidelines the cylinder will be removed.

Copy to be given to woman and copy for maternity records.