



Lancashire Fire
and Rescue Service

Caring for people who use paraffin-based creams, airflow or oxygen equipment

Advice for
home carer
professionals



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Advise the person you are caring for



About the potential fire risks of smoking or being near naked flames when using oxygen, dynamic airflow mattresses and paraffin-based creams.



To change bedding and clothing daily if using paraffin-based creams. The creams soak into fabrics and can potentially be a fire hazard.



Not to place heated appliances such as electric blankets, hair dryers, heated rollers and hair straighteners on or near their airflow mattresses and cushions.



Not to use any naked flame or potential cause of ignition such as matches or candles when their clothing may be contaminated with paraffin-based cream or saturated with oxygen.



In the event of fire and if it is safe to do so, to turn off pressure relieving equipment using the control - not at the plug. This is because if the equipment has been punctured and is losing air, the pump will react by pumping air faster which could fuel a fire and make it spread more quickly.

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