

What equipment do I need?

There are different types of equipment for oxygen therapy. Some equipment is for 24-hour use, and some is for shorter-term use. A respiratory therapist will help you and your doctor choose the best equipment for you, based on your oxygen needs.

Who pays for oxygen therapy?

Once approved for oxygen therapy:

- If you have extended health insurance, it covers most of the cost and Fraser Health pays the remainder.
- If you do not have extended health insurance, Fraser Health pays the cost.
- Cost might be covered by WorkSafeBC, Insurance Corporation of BC, or Non-insured Health Benefits.

What if I travel?

If you are travelling **within** Canada, Fraser Health will pay for up to 90 days of oxygen therapy.

If you are travelling **outside** of Canada, Fraser Health will not pay for your oxygen therapy. Contact your oxygen supplier to discuss your options.

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7 days a week including holidays

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Home Oxygen Program

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What is the Home Oxygen Program?

We provide training and support for people who need oxygen therapy at home.

Community Respiratory Services (CRS) runs this program.

What is oxygen therapy?

People need oxygen therapy when their lungs cannot provide enough oxygen to their body.

Oxygen is provided by prescription approved by your doctor or nurse practitioner.

People of all ages can need oxygen therapy. Some people only need oxygen therapy for a short time, while others need it for the rest of their lives.

Your healthcare team helps you with your oxygen therapy and makes changes as needed.

How do I get this service?

A doctor, nurse practitioner, or other healthcare provider refers you to us.

After we receive the request, we call you to set up a visit at your home from a respiratory therapist. The therapist checks your breathing, gives you information and training, and sends a report to your doctor.

A therapist will continue to visit you in the future.

How do I keep myself and others safe?

Do not smoke or vape near oxygen.

Smoking or vaping near oxygen is extremely dangerous. We will stop providing services and equipment if you smoke, vape, or have open flames near the oxygen.



Safety information

- Do not change the settings without talking to your doctor or us.
- Check the equipment often to make sure it is not broken or worn out.
- Use only water-based lotions.
- Keep oxygen tanks in a cool, dry area. Make sure they are standing up.
- Keep oxygen away from heat, open flames, cigarettes, vapes, and anything burning. Oxygen can catch on fire.
- Keep a fire extinguisher near you in case there is an oxygen fire.

