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<p>Statement</p>	<p>Windsor Essex Student Transportation Services (WESTS) is committed to transporting students requiring the use of oxygen when prescribed by a medical professional. Oxygen is considered a medical support device for purposes of transportation.</p> <p>Compressed oxygen can be volatile and must be handled using all precautions to ensure safe transportation.</p>
<p>Procedures</p>	<p><u>Parent/Guardian Responsibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent/guardian must inform the school or the special needs coordinator if oxygen is required to be transported with the student. • The parent/guardian must ensure that the oxygen bottle is securely attached to a wheelchair, bus seat or bus floor during transit. • All oxygen containers must be secured in a location that will not inhibit access to or from the emergency exits on the vehicle. • The parent/guardian will ensure that a sign to display on the exterior of the bus warning Fire/EMS responders that there is oxygen on board is provided to the bus operator. <p><u>School/ Special Education Coordinator Responsibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the AODA is updated to include the oxygen equipment. • Notify WESTS when a child requires oxygen to be transported with the student. <p><u>WESTS Responsibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify that the operators have properly trained their drivers in the use transporting oxygen. • Verify that the all requirements of this policy are in place prior to commencement of transportation. <p><u>Bus Operators</u></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify drivers of the students on their bus that have oxygen.• Train drivers in safe transportation of oxygen, including WHMIS training.• Ensure that appropriate signage is on the bus when oxygen is being transported.• Ensure that no student with oxygen is seated in close proximity of any heater or motor that would generate heat.
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