**Arenac Public Transit Authority**

**Oxygen and Respirator Policy**

It shall be the policy of Arenac Public Transit Authority to transport oxygen cylinders and respirators as required by the American Disability Act.

To facilitate this, Arenac Public Transit Authority will only transport oxygen in cylinders maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

Arenac Public Transit Authority will require respirators and oxygen tanks to be in good working condition and all oxygen tanks to be secured.

Before boarding with the oxygen tanks, drivers shall listen for leaks in the cylinder and visually inspect the cylinder for dents, gouges, or pitting. If any of these conditions exist, Arenac Public Transit Authority will not transport the cylinder.

Driver’s shall never drag or roll a cylinder or carry a cylinder by the valve or regulator. Driver’s shall handle oxygen cylinders with care during loading and unloading. No more than three (3) cylinders shall be transported on one vehicle.

Driver’s shall secure each cylinder to prevent movement and leakage. “Secure” means the cylinder is not free to move when the vehicle is in motion.

Driver’s shall never store cylinders in the aisle of the vehicle and passengers requiring oxygen must not restrict access or use of the aisle.

Smoking and open flames are prohibited on Arenac Public Transit Authority vehicles at all times. Since a release of oxygen from a cylinder could accelerate a fire, cylinders must be secured away from any sources of heat or heat or potential sparks.

Upon reaching the passengers destination, all oxygen cylinders will be immediately removed from the vehicle.

Passengers are asked to notify Dispatch of oxygen cylinders or respirators use when booking a ride.

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