The Office of the State Fire Marshal has had a recent question on oxygen in the kitchen.

The question whether a kitchen staff member who is now on oxygen is permitted to work while using oxygen. K925 prohibits it. Below is the verbiage for this tag. All tags apply to all areas of a health care facility.

**K925: Gas Equipment- Respiratory Sources of Ignition**

Smoking materials are removed from patients receiving respiratory therapy. When a nasal cannula is delivering oxygen outside a patient’s room, no sources of ignition are within the site of intentional expulsion (1-foot). When other oxygen delivery equipment is used or oxygen is delivered inside a patient room, no sources of ignition are within the area of administration (15-feet). Solid fuel burning appliances is not in the area of administration. Nonmedical appliances with hot surfaces or sparking mechanisms are not within oxygen-delivery equipment or site of intentional expulsion. (NFPA 99).

**NFPA 99 (5.1.3.3.1.6)** Indoor locations for oxygen, nitrous oxide, and mixtures of these gases shall not communicate with the following:

1. Areas involved in critical patient care
2. Anesthetizing locations where moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia is administered
3. Locations storing flammables
4. Rooms containing open electrical contacts or transformers
5. Storage tanks for flammable or combustible liquids
6. Engines
7. **Kitchens**
8. Areas with open flame

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Thank You,
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