

Air Mattress Safety Information

Pressure relieving
mattress that inflates
with air prevents
bedbound patients
developing pressure
sores

Risks Associated with Air Mattresses

Air Mattresses are designed to prevent pressure sores for those patients who are spending long periods of time in bed.

If patients smoke whilst sitting or lying on an air mattress there is a risk they may drop the cigarette causing a burn hole in the mattress and a fire.

If the mattress punctures, air in the mattress will leak out. This will fuel a fire. The inflation pump will continue to keep working trying to reinflate the mattress - making the fire worse.

Smoking with an air mattresses is deemed **VERY** high risk.

Bedbound patients are more likely to be using oil based emollients. Oil based emollients are a particular fire risk, when used with air mattresses.

Wash all bedding and air mattress covers as often as possible.

Safety Advice For Patients Using An Air Mattress



Do not Smoke in a room whilst using an air mattress



Do not burn candles in a room where oxygen and the air mattress is being used



Do not place hot electrical items such as hairdryers or straighteners on an air mattress



Do not use electric blankets whilst using oxygen and an air mattress



Do not use Matches or Lighters in the vicinity of oxygen and an air mattress