

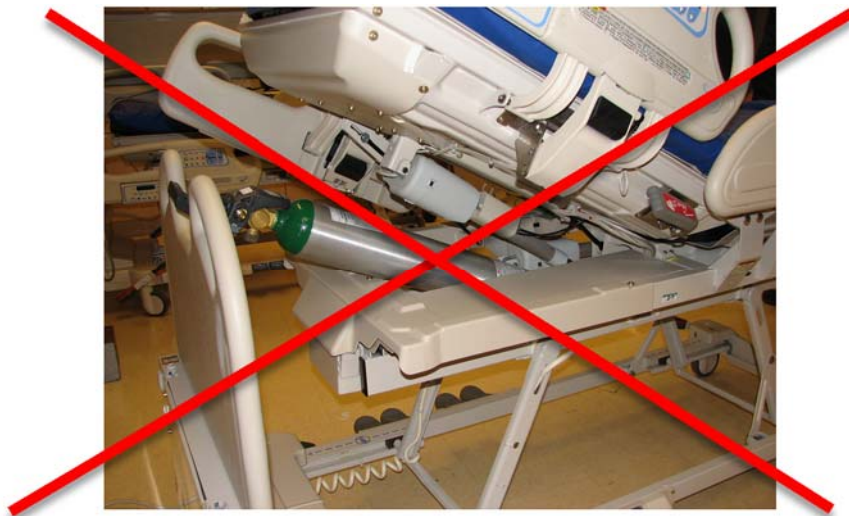
# Safety Alert: Oxygen Gas Cylinders & Patient Beds

VUMC has recently experienced a rash of costly damage to patient beds due to an unsafe practice.

Damage to the beds was caused by incorrect and dangerous placement of oxygen cylinders under the raised head section of the bed, possibly during patient transport. When the head of the bed is lowered, the bed is severely damaged.

This practice can also cause the gas cylinder to rupture, creating a missile that could cause serious injury.

Please alert your staff to **stop** this hazardous placement of gas cylinders.



***NEVER place any gas cylinder under head of bed.***



Oxygen cylinder caused extensive damage to this bed.