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Obtaining oxygen in Spain

NEW RESIDENTS - Those coming to Spain to live here permanently.

New residents to Spain must plan well ahead if they want to arrange a supply of oxygen. Before leaving the UK they should ask their UK doctor for written details of the amount of oxygen they will require, plus details of their medical condition.

Those coming to Spain to live here permanently should bring their health care reciprocal agreement certificate, S1 or S2

All documentation should be taken to a local doctor in Spain immediately after arrival in this country. This should be done first even if they have to register with a Social Security office in order to obtain a SIP Card (this is in order to expedite matters so that there is no delay in obtaining oxygen supplies). The doctor may refer the patient to a specialist at a hospital before issuing a prescription in Spain because the approval of a consultant is required for oxygen to be used at home.

Once a prescription has been issued the following supplier of oxygen should be contacted.

Sociedad Española De Carburos Metalicos

This company is prepared to deliver as far South as Torrevieja and the Orihuela Costa

Tel: 935 661 508 (for those with EHIC Cards or SIP cards who can be treated by the regional health services)

or **91 657 9307** for those with private medical insurance or who will pay privately for the oxygen.

Portable oxygen equipment is available by arrangement with the doctor.

VISITORS – Those coming on holiday

If you need to receive oxygen therapy during a temporary visit to Spain, you must request it in advance from the Spanish authorities. To make this request, send a letter by email or fax to the relevant Spanish authority at least one month before you are due to travel, along with:

- an enlarged copy of your Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)
- a clear photocopy of the photo page of your passport
- a letter or prescription from your GP or specialist giving full details of your oxygen requirements.

Once you've sent the oxygen request, you should then follow up with the relevant authority to confirm that your request has been processed, though many authorities will process your order without it being confirmed.

Visitors to the regions of ALICANTE (Benidorm, Dénia, Elche, Gandía, Orihuela, Torrevieja, Valencia should send their documentation to and request confirmation from: LINDE HEALTHCARE Tel.: (+34) 934 767 400 Email: travelspain@linde.com

Your details will be added to the supplier delivery schedule so that the oxygen will be available on your arrival.

Templates of the letters

[Request oxygen therapy while visiting Spain: template letter - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)