



# Ventilator management policy

## About this document



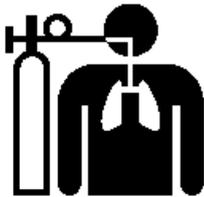
A **mechanical ventilator** is a machine that helps air go in and out of your body. It is a machine that helps you breathe.



This document will explain:

- when a ventilator is used
- how we will help you move whilst on a ventilator
- things you may feel whilst using a ventilator.

## When a ventilator is used



If you have hard time breathing, you may need a mechanical ventilator.

There are two different types of ventilators:



- some ventilators are a tube that go into your mouth or your nose, down a tube in your neck and into your lungs.





- some ventilators are a mask that cover your mouth or nose and blow air into your mouth and nose.



Both ventilators put clean air into your body and helps take away old air from your body.

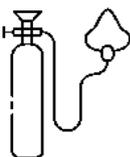


A team of people with special knowledge will help you decide if a ventilator is something you need.



### Moving around

If you have to move from one place to another, two support workers will always help you.



When we are moving you, we will always have spare air in case anything happens.



We will always talk to you and your chosen family if we need to move you.



You can always signal if you are in pain, uncomfortable, or would like to stop.

## Things you may feel whilst using a ventilator

Some ventilators can make it hard to:

- talk



- cough



- swallow.





The team that is helping you will always talk to you and your family about the things you may feel and how we will make you feel comfortable.