

PATIENT/CAREGIVER EDUCATIONAL CHECKLIST

Commodes and Related Equipment

You have been supplied with a bedside commode or other toilet safety products. It is necessary to follow all instructions carefully. Neither the service representative, the distributor, nor the manufacturer assumes any liability concerning the effectiveness or safety of this equipment or for the improper operation of this equipment. SHOULD THE EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION FOR ANY REASON, CALL _____ . THEY WILL CORRECT THE PROBLEM OR REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT. LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT ONLY, WHICHEVER IS DETERMINED.

General Information:

Patient/Caregiver Will Demonstrate:

- _____ Adjustment of the legs on commode or 3-in-1 unit to proper height.
- _____ Removal of pail for cleaning, and replacement of same.
- _____ Use of wheels in the case of mobile commode.
- _____ Use of drop-arms in this type of commode; emphasize locking of arms in "up" position during use. Discuss transfer of patient from side of commode.
- _____ Need for regular cleaning of unit to promote good hygiene.
- _____ Proper attachment of elevated commode seat to toilet bowl if this unit is being delivered. Potential loss of balance and/or tipping with these units.

Safety/Maintenance:

- _____ Always check equipment for proper function to ensure safety.
- _____ Potential hazards of equipment: i.e., loss of balance with all types of this equipment (but especially with elevated seat types), pinch points, sharp edges on some aluminum and steel commodes, etc.
- _____ Importance of notification of _____ in the event of malfunction or faulty parts on unit.
- _____ Patient and caregivers have information necessary to contact _____ (telephone numbers, addresses, etc.).
- _____ Precautions in case of an emergency.

UTILIZATION: Leave completed checklist in patient home. Document all teaching on Form # _____ and place in patient file.