



COMMDES & ACCESSORIES



PURPOSE: The purpose of *bedside* commodes is to provide an extension of the bathroom commode at the bedside or other area. By bringing the commode closer to the user, the individual has less distance to travel and in some cases, can perform these activities independently. Physically challenged individuals should never be left unattended. Contact your physician and/or therapist for transferring methods.

TYPES: Commodes have evolved into a basic universal model. There still are many variations in capabilities, but most models can perform many roles. Most commodes function in their main role as a portable commode, but can also be fitted over bathroom commodes to facilitate an elevated toilet seat, or can be used as a shower seat. You can get models that have varying weight capacities and widths and with fixed or dropping arms.

USE: Bedside commodes are portable, meaning that they are not stationary. Each commode has rubber anti-slip tips that aid in the limitation of movement. The user must be able to, while unattended, stand, pivot and sit down safely. Commodes can also be adjusted for proper height. The height should be adjusted so the user can be safely transferred into and out of the commode. If you are using a drop-arm commode and using it to transfer into and out of a bed or chair, the seat height should be adjusted to the same height. The commode bucket is disposable and should be replaced anytime a crack is noticed. The user must exert the force of their weight directly over the unit. Do not allow weight to be exerted in any lateral direction.

SAFETY: Follow the guidelines on the **Home Safety Basics** list to prevent falls.

ACCESSORIES: Call Allay Home Care if you are in need of accessories for your bedside commode. Additional buckets, splash guards and rubber tips can be purchased and are kept in stock.

MAINTENANCE & WARRANTY: A cleaning and disinfecting of bedside commodes should be performed on a regular basis. All bedside commodes come with a manufacturer's warranty however; they do not cover patient abuse.

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