

Home Survey Checklist

VAD patients need to consider various concerns around their home. Please review this information and let us know if you have any questions.

Bedroom

- Bedroom on the first floor?
- Flashlight at bedside?
- Grounded three-prong electrical outlet dedicated to powering power module during sleep or rest?
- Well-lit pathway from bedroom to bathroom?
- Light within easy reach of bed?
- Emergency telephone numbers beside bedroom phone?

Bathroom

- Bathroom on first floor?
- Bathroom equipped with shower?
- Towels, shampoo, soap, etc., within easy reach?
- Shower equipped with rubber mat or nonskid strips or surface?
- Grab bar on the wall or side of the shower (properly installed and designed to hold your weight)?
- Shower seat/chair available?

Living Room/General Living Area

- Grounded three-prong electrical outlet dedicated to powering power module?

Hallways and Stairs

- Stairs are in good repair and have nonskid surfaces?
- Hallways and stairs adequately lit?
- Stairs have sturdy, easy-to-grip railings at least waist high?
- Free of clutter?
- Carpets and runners secure?

Electrical

- At least two grounded, 3 prong outlets dedicated to powering the power module? Note: NO extension cords, two-prong adapters or cheater plugs allowed.
- Circuit breakers for power module dedicated outlets clearly labeled on breaker box/electrical panel?
- Instructions for resetting circuit breakers (or for changing fuses) clearly visible and labeled on breaker box/electrical panel?
- Measure from neutral to ground (from large blade hold to round hole). There should be less than 5 VAC present.
- NOTE: electrical outlets controlled by a wall switch should NOT be used to power the power module.

Miscellaneous

- Clutter or potential tripping or falling hazards (ex – scattered rugs, pets, slippery floors)?
- Is there a change in the floor level between rooms? Is it easily seen?
- Rugs, mats or runners have slip-resistant backing?
- Potentially dangerous environments (ex – open water, swimming pool, fountain)?
- Electrical cords safely stored off the floor?
- Adequate telephone(s) for emergency communication? Must be able to keep cell phones charged at all times.
- Emergency telephone numbers posted and readily available?
- Potential sources of strong static discharge eliminated or removed from easy access (ex – TV and computer screens or carpets made from synthetic fibers)? Remove carpets or spray them with Static Guard.