

Home Survey Checklist

VAD patients and their care partners need to consider various concerns around their home. Please review this information and let us know if you have any questions. Once reviewed, please sign and return to the VAD team.

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.



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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.

Patient Printed Name

Patient Signature

Date

Care Partner Printed Name

Care Partner Signature

Date