# Commodes

#### Set Up

• Make sure commode is adjusted to proper height for user.

### **Using Your Equipment**

- Seat must be down before using commode; do not sit on pail holder.
- If using a mobile commode, be sure wheels are locked before using.
- If commode has drop-arms, ensure they are locked in the upright position before using.
- If using elevated commode seat on toilet bowl, make sure the seat is properly attached to
- prevent loss of balance and/or tipping.

## Frequent Replacement Items

Tips on leg extensions

#### Maintenance

- Make sure all screws; nuts and bolts are tight at all times.
- Inspect rubber tips on the legs to ensure they are not worn or torn.
- For hygiene sake, empty pail and clean it after each use.
- · Make sure wheels and locks are working properly.

# Safety Issues

- Do not sit on commode for extended periods of time.
- Commode seats are not intended to serve as wheelchairs.
- Make sure the user can support themselves while using the commode. If user is
  unsteady or weak, a caregiver should provide support during the toileting process.