



STATIONARY COMMODE

DROP ARM COMMODE

MOBILE COMMODE

Commodes provide alternate facilities for evacuation and are more accessible and adaptable to the patient's condition.

STATIONARY

1. May be used w/pail at bedside.
2. May be used without pail, over the toilet, as a safety frame.
3. Some models are equipped with plastic arm rests.
4. Adjustable legs allow flexible seat height and enable seat to be angled for patients with limited hip mobility.
5. The pail has a cover for sanitary purposes.
6. Some models are equipped with a bed pan receptacle instead of a pail holder.
7. Some models are called 3-in-1 commodes and are equip-ped with a splash guard and bucket. These may be used at the patient's bedside, over the toilet, and in the bath.

DROP ARM

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3. Some have adjustable legs that allow flexible seat height and enable seat to be angled for patients with limited hip mobility.
4. The pail has a cover for sanitary purposes.
5. Droparms are used for patients who require sliding transfers.
6. Each arm moves independently and locks in an upright position.
7. The arms drop below seat level for unobstructed side transfers.
8. Some models have arms that swing away; others actually remove from the unit via a spring-loaded pin.
9. Some have removable backs.
10. If using to transfer into and out of a bed or chair, seat height should be adjusted to the same height as the bed or chair.

MOBILE

1. May be used w/pail at bedside.
2. May be used without pail, over the toilet, as a safety frame.
3. Provides transportation, transfer & commode functions in one unit.
4. All casters swivel for easy maneuverability.
5. Braking mechanisms vary - some have caster locks on 2 wheels and some have braking mechanisms that extend to the floor and lift the rear wheels off the floor.
6. Some are adjustable in height to meet the needs of any size patient.
7. Some have foot rests for non-ambulatory patients.
8. All wheel locks should be locked before use.

Disinfectant bathroom cleaner should be used on unit regularly.

Hospital strength disinfectants and deodorizers are available at the Binson's location nearest you.

SAFETY: Use extra caution for mobility risks and risks of falling, including:

- A. **Poor Lighting:** Use of nightlights, flashlight by bedside, lamps or light switch that can easily be reached.
- B. **Poor Walk Spaces:** Fix loose floorboards, paint uneven floors, use wet floor signs, keep snow and ice cleared from entrances, ensure carpet is firmly attached to stairs, do not walk in stocking feet, and remove loose rugs, clutter, cords, and excess oxygen tubing (when applicable).
- C. **Equipment:** Replace worn or cracked walkers, crutches and cane tips; use colored oxygen tubing on light carpet; tighten loose handrails.
- D. **Bathroom:** Install grab bars, use bath mats with suction cups, and use elevated toilet seat.
- E. **Medications:** Be aware of medications that may cause dizziness, drowsiness, and unsteadiness.