

## **COMMODE CHAIR, USE OF**

### **PURPOSE:**

1. To have toilet facilities conveniently available for bedside use.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

1. Beside commode.
2. Toilet paper.
3. Washcloth, warm water, and soap.
4. Towel.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Position commode chair at bedside. **LOCK WHEELS.**
2. Assist resident with transfer to commode chair, as necessary.
3. Put call light in resident's hand and instruct resident to call when ready.
4. Check on resident frequently.
5. **DO NOT USE RESTRAINTS.**
6. **STAY WITH RESIDENT IF HE/SHE IS UNABLE TO SIT UNASSISTED OR IS CONFUSED.**
7. Assist resident with cleansing, as necessary.
8. Wash perineal and rectal area with warm water and soap and dry well.
9. Assist resident into bed and make comfortable with call light in reach.
10. Empty commode receptacle in adjacent toilet and rinse well, or cover and take to utility room for cleaning.
11. Return clean receptacle to commode chair.