

Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Electrical Safety Form

When using electric medical equipment in your home, your power outlets must meet certain electricity standards. We have developed this safety form to ensure that your outlets meet the requirements for basic safety. This will ensure your VAD device is receiving the correct amount of power.

How do I make sure my power outlets are safe?

You will need to do a safety check of the electrical outlets in your home that will be dedicated to powering your Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) equipment.

What you will need:

A Ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) outlet tester. This is a common tool that you can buy online or at a hardware store.

Steps:

1. First check the electrical outlets in your living room and bedroom to make sure they are 3-prong outlets. (See figure 1)
2. Next, you will use the GFCI outlet tester to make sure your outlets are grounded. Grounded means the wiring has been done correctly.
3. Plug the GFCI tester into each outlet (See Figure 1). Follow the directions on the packaging that came with your outlet tester. If your GFCI outlet tester shows that your outlet is not grounded correctly, you must contact an electrician.

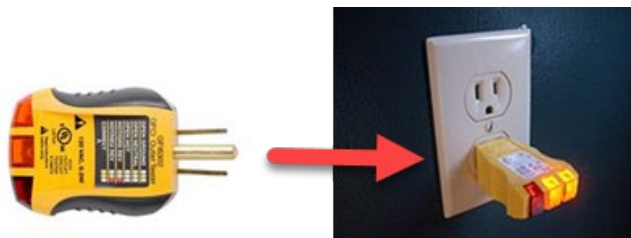


Figure 1

Home electrical outlet safety checklist

Room tested	Outlets 3-pronged?	Outlets grounded?
Living Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Additional place of residence outlet safety checklist:

Room tested	Outlets 3-pronged?	Outlets grounded?
Living Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If the outlets in your living room or bedroom are not working or do not meet the 3-prong requirement, you will need to have an electrician come to your home to do an assessment.

By signing below, I certify that I have completed the outlet safety checklists on this form to ensure proper working order of the outlets in my home and additional place of residence.

Signature

Date

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