



## Shepherd Center

### Important things to remember with a ventilator

- Alert the power company, fire and police departments and other emergency personnel (911) that you have a person at home on a ventilator **prior to discharge from the rehabilitation facility.**
- Have the home care company check the power in your home before the person comes home from rehabilitation.
- Consider having alternative electrical equipment available, such as a generator and batteries in case of power failure.
- Place the ventilator on a sturdy utility cart. You can buy one at your local discount store. Make sure it is sturdy and that it has wheels.
- If you use a wood burning stove in your home, never keep the ventilator in the same room as the stove.
- Always give extra breaths (bag) with the Ambu Bag if the person has trouble breathing or there is equipment failure.
- Always call 911 and the home care company for help if there is an equipment failure. If the person is unresponsive, call 911, open the front door, return to the person and begin CPR.