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Important safety instructions

When using your telephone equipment, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and injury, including the following:

1. Read and understand all instructions.
2. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
3. Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
4. Do not use this product near water such as near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub or a swimming pool, or in a wet basement or shower.
5. Do not place this product on an unstable table, shelf, stand or other unstable surfaces.
6. Avoid placing the telephone system in places with extreme temperature, direct sunlight, or other electrical devices. Protect your phone from moisture, dust, corrosive liquids and fumes.
7. Slots and openings in the back or bottom of the telephone base and handset are provided for ventilation. To protect them from overheating, these openings must not be blocked by placing the product on a soft surface such as a bed, sofa or rug. This product should never be placed near or over a radiator or heat register. This product should not be placed in any area where proper ventilation is not provided.
8. This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply in your home or office, consult your dealer or local power company.
9. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not install this product where the cord may be walked on.
10. Never push objects of any kind into this product through the slots in the telephone base or handset because they may touch dangerous voltage points or create a short circuit. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
11. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble this product, but take it to an authorized service facility. Opening or removing parts of the telephone base or handset other than specified access doors may expose you to dangerous voltages or other risks. Incorrect reassembling can cause electric shock when the product is subsequently used.
12. Do not overload wall outlets and extension cords.
13. Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to an authorized service facility under the following conditions:
 - When the power supply cord or plug is damaged or frayed.
 - If liquid has been spilled onto the product.
 - If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
 - If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operation instructions. Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and often requires extensive work by an authorized technician to restore the product to normal operation.
 - If the product has been dropped and the telephone base and/or handset has been damaged.
 - If the product exhibits a distinct change in performance.
14. Avoid using a telephone (other than cordless) during an electrical storm. There is a remote risk of electric shock from lightning.
15. Do not use the telephone to report a gas leak in the vicinity of the leak. Under certain circumstances, a spark may be created when the adapter is plugged into the power outlet, or when the handset is replaced in its cradle. This is a common event associated with the closing of any electrical circuit. The user should not plug the phone into a power outlet, and should not put a charged handset into the cradle, if the phone is located in an environment containing concentrations of flammable or flame-

supporting gases, unless there is adequate ventilation. A spark in such an environment could create a fire or explosion. Such environments might include: medical use of oxygen without adequate ventilation; industrial gases (cleaning solvents; gasoline vapors; etc.); a leak of natural gas; etc.

16. Only put the handset of your telephone next to your ear when it is in normal talk mode.
17. The power adapter is intended to be correctly oriented in a vertical or floor mount position. The prongs are not designed to hold the plug in place if it is plugged into a ceiling, under-the-table or cabinet outlet.
18. For pluggable equipment, the socket-outlet shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.
19. **CAUTION:** Use only the batteries indicated in this manual. There may be a risk of explosion if a wrong type of battery is used for the handset. Use only the supplied rechargeable batteries or replacement batteries (BT162342/BT262342) for the handset. Do not dispose of batteries in a fire. They may explode.
20. Use only the adapter included with this product. Incorrect adapter polarity or voltage can seriously damage the product.
Base unit power adapter: Output: 6V DC @ 600mA.
Charger unit power adapter: Output: 6V DC @ 400mA.

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Battery

- Use only the battery provided or equivalent. To order a replacement, visit our website at www.vtechphones.com or call 1 (800) 595-9511. In Canada, go to www.vtechcanada.com or call 1 (800) 267-7377.
- Do not dispose of the battery in a fire. Check with local waste management codes for special disposal instructions.
- Do not open or mutilate the battery. Released electrolyte is corrosive and may cause burns or injury to the eyes or skin. The electrolyte may be toxic if swallowed.
- Exercise care in handling batteries in order not to create a short circuit with conductive materials.
- Charge the battery provided with this product only in accordance with the instructions and limitations specified in this manual.

Precautions for users of implanted cardiac pacemakers

Cardiac pacemakers (applies only to digital cordless telephones):

Wireless Technology Research, LLC (WTR), an independent research entity, led a multidisciplinary evaluation of the interference between portable wireless telephones and implanted cardiac pacemakers. Supported by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, WTR recommends to physicians that:

Pacemaker patients

- Should keep wireless telephones at least six inches from the pacemaker.
- Should NOT place wireless telephones directly over the pacemaker, such as in a breast pocket, when it is turned ON.
- Should use the wireless telephone at the ear opposite the pacemaker.

WTR's evaluation did not identify any risk to bystanders with pacemakers from other persons using wireless telephones.

For C-UL compliance only

Mesures de sécurité importantes

Afin de réduire les risques d'incendie, de blessures corporelles ou d'électrocution, suivez toujours ces mesures préventives de base lorsque vous utilisez votre téléphone :

1. Lisez et comprenez bien toutes les instructions.
2. Observez toutes les instructions et mises en garde inscrites sur l'appareil.
3. Débranchez ce téléphone de la prise murale avant de le nettoyer. N'utilisez pas de nettoyeurs liquides ni en aérosol. N'utilisez qu'un chiffon doux et légèrement humecté.
4. N'utilisez pas ce produit près de l'eau, tel que près d'un bain, d'un lavabo, d'un évier de cuisine, d'un bac de lavage ou d'une piscine, ou dans un sous-sol humide ou sous la douche.

5. Ne déposez pas ce téléphone sur un chariot, support ou table chancelants. L'appareil pourrait tomber et être sérieusement endommagé.
6. Évitez d'installer le système téléphonique dans les endroits soumis à une température extrême, à la lumière directe du soleil ou à proximité immédiate d'autres appareils électriques ou électroniques. Protégez votre téléphone contre les sources d'humidité, la poussière, les vapeurs et les liquides corrosifs.
7. Le boîtier de l'appareil est doté de fentes et d'ouvertures d'aération situées à l'arrière ou en dessous. Afin d'empêcher la surchauffe, ces ouvertures ne doivent pas être obstruées en plaçant l'appareil sur un lit, divan, tapis ou autre surface similaires. Ne placez pas cet appareil à proximité d'un élément de chauffage ni d'une plinthe électrique. De plus, ne l'installez pas dans une unité murale ou un cabinet fermé qui ne possède pas d'aération adéquate.
8. Ne faites fonctionner cet appareil qu'avec le type d'alimentation indiqué sur les étiquettes de l'appareil. Si vous ne connaissez pas le voltage de votre maison, consultez votre marchand ou votre fournisseur d'électricité.
9. Ne déposez rien sur le cordon d'alimentation. Installez cet appareil dans un endroit sécuritaire, là où personne ne pourra trébucher sur la ligne d'alimentation ni le cordon téléphonique modulaire.
10. N'insérez jamais d'objets à travers les fentes et ouvertures de cet appareil, car ils pourraient toucher à des points de tension dangereux ou court-circuiter des pièces, ce qui constituerait un risque d'incendie ou d'électrocution. N'échappez pas de liquides dans l'appareil.
11. Afin de réduire les risques d'électrocution, ne démontez pas l'appareil, mais apportez-le plutôt à un centre de service qualifié s'il doit être réparé. En enlevant le couvercle, vous vous exposez à des tensions dangereuses ou autres dangers similaires. Un remontage inadéquat peut être à l'origine d'une électrocution lors d'une utilisation ultérieure de l'appareil. Débranchez l'appareil avant de procéder au nettoyage. Utilisez un chiffon humide et doux.
12. Ne surchargez pas les prises de courant et les rallonges.
13. Débranchez cet appareil de la prise de courant et communiquez avec le département de service à la clientèle de VTEch dans les cas suivants :
 - Lorsque le cordon d'alimentation est endommagé ou écorché.
 - Si du liquide a été échappé dans l'appareil.
 - Si l'appareil a été exposé à une source d'humidité telle que la pluie ou l'eau.
 - Si le produit ne fonctionne pas normalement en respectant les instructions de fonctionnement. Réglez uniquement les commandes indiquées dans le les instructions de fonctionnement. Les réglages incorrects des autres commandes pourraient provoquer un dommage qui pourrait exiger un travail exhaustif de la part d'un technicien autorisé afin de rétablir le fonctionnement normal de l'appareil.
 - Si le produit a été échappé et que le socle et/ou le combiné a été endommagé.
 - Si le produit affiche une nette diminution de sa performance.
14. Évitez d'utiliser un téléphone (autre qu'un sans fil) pendant un orage. Les éclairs peuvent être à l'origine d'une électrocution.
15. N'utilisez pas le téléphone pour rapporter une fuite de gaz à proximité de la fuite. En certaines circonstances, une flammèche pourrait être provoquée lorsque l'adaptateur est branché à une prise de courant, ou lorsque le combiné est déposé sur le socle. Ceci est un événement commun associé à la fermeture d'un circuit électrique. L'utilisateur ne devrait pas brancher le téléphone à une prise de courant, et ne devrait pas déposer le combiné chargé sur le socle, si le téléphone se trouve à proximité d'un endroit comportant des concentrations de gaz inflammables, à moins que la ventilation soit adéquate. Une flammèche dans un tel endroit pourrait provoquer un incendie ou une explosion. De tels environnements peuvent comprendre: des endroits où l'on utilise de l'oxygène médical sans ventilation adéquate; des gaz industriels (dissolvants de nettoyage, des vapeurs d'essence, etc.); une fuite de gaz

- naturel, etc.
16. Ne placez que le combiné de votre téléphone près de votre oreille lorsqu'en mode de conversation.
17. Ces adaptateurs ont été conçus pour être orientés en position verticale ou montés au sol. Les brochures ne sont pas conçues pour maintenir l'adaptateur en place si celui-ci est barchné dans une prise au plafond ou sous une table/ armoire.
18. Pour le MATERIEL RACCORDE PAR PRISE DE COURANT, le socle de prise de courant doit être installé à proximité du matériel et doit être aisément accessible.
19. **MISE EN GARDE:** Il peut y avoir un risque d'explosion si vous utilisez le mauvais type de piles pour le téléphone. N'utilisez que les piles rechargeables incluses ou les piles de rechange (BT162342/BT262342). N'incinerez pas les piles. Celles-ci risqueraient d'exploser.
20. N'utilisez que les adaptateurs inclus avec ce produit. L'utilisation d'un adaptateur dont la polarité ou la tension serait inadéquate risque d'endommager sérieusement le produit et mettre votre sécurité en péril.
Adaptateur d'unité de base: Sortie : 6V CC 600 mA
Adaptateur d'unité de charger: Sortie : 6V CC 400 mA

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Pile

- N'utilisez que la pile incluse ou l'équivalent. Pour commander une pile de rechange, visitez notre site Web au www.vtechphones.com ou composez le 1-800-595-9511. Au Canada, visitez le www.vtechcanada.com ou composez le 1-800-267-7377.
- Ne jetez pas la pile au feu. Vérifiez les instructions spécifiques de mise aux rebus auprès des autorités locales.
- N'ouvrez pas et ne mutiliez pas la pile. L'électrolyte qui s'en échapperait est corrosif et pourrait causer des brûlures ou des blessures aux yeux ou à la peau. L'électrolyte est toxique si avalé.
- Soyez prudents lorsque vous manipulez les piles afin d'éviter les courts-circuits provoqués par des matériaux conducteurs.
- Rechargez la pile incluse avec cet appareil, selon les instructions et limites spécifiées dans ce guide d'utilisation.

Stimulateurs cardiaques implantés dans l'organisme

Les simulateurs cardiaques (s'applique uniquement aux téléphones numériques sans fil) :
L'organisme 'Wireless Technology Research, LLC (WTR)', une firme de recherche indépendante, a mené une évaluation pluridisciplinaire des interférences entre les téléphones sans fil portatifs et les stimulateurs cardiaques implantés dans l'organisme. Appuyée par l'Administration des aliments et drogues (FDA) des États-Unis, la firme WTR recommande aux médecins :

Avis aux détenteurs de stimulateurs cardiaques

- Ils doivent tenir le téléphone sans fil à une distance d'au moins six pouces du stimulateur cardiaque.
- Ils ne doivent PAS placer le téléphone sans fil directement sur le stimulateur cardiaque, tel que dans une poche de chemise, lorsque celui-ci est en marche.
- Ils doivent utiliser le téléphone sans fil en l'appuyant sur l'oreille qui se trouve dans la direction opposée au stimulateur cardiaque.

L'étude effectuée par l'organisme WRS n'a pas identifié de risque pour les détenteurs de stimulateurs cardiaques causés par les gens qui utilisent un téléphone sans fil à proximité de ceux-ci.

About cordless telephones

- **Privacy:** The same features that make a cordless telephone convenient create some limitations. Telephone calls are transmitted between the telephone base and the cordless handset by radio waves, so there is a possibility that the cordless telephone conversations could be intercepted by radio receiving equipment within range of the cordless handset. For this reason, you should not think of cordless telephone conversations as being as private as those on corded telephones.
- **Electrical power:** The telephone base of this cordless telephone must be connected to a working electrical

outlet. The electrical outlet should not be controlled by a wall switch. Calls cannot be made from the cordless handset if the telephone base is unplugged, switched off or if the electrical power is interrupted.

- **Potential TV interference:** Some cordless telephones operate at frequencies that may cause interference to televisions and VCRs. To minimize or prevent such interference, do not place the telephone base of the cordless telephone near or on top of a TV or VCR. If interference is experienced, moving the cordless telephone farther away from the TV or VCR often reduces or eliminates the interference.
- **Rechargeable batteries:** Exercise care in handling batteries in order not to create a short circuit with conducting material such as rings, bracelets and keys. The battery or conductor may overheat and cause harm. Observe proper polarity between the battery and the battery charger.
- **Nickel-metal hydride rechargeable batteries:** Dispose of these batteries in a safe manner. Do not burn or puncture the battery. Like other batteries of this type, if burned or punctured, they could release caustic material which could cause injury.

FCC, ACTA and IC regulations

FCC Part 15

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the requirements for a Class B digital device under Part 15 of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. These requirements are intended to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

WARNING: Changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment. This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. Privacy of communications may not be ensured when using this telephone.

RF Radiation Exposure Statement

To ensure safety of users, the FCC has established criteria for the amount of radio frequency energy that can be safely absorbed by a user or bystander according to the intended usage of the product. This product has been tested and found to comply with the FCC criteria. For body worn operation, this handset has been tested and meets the FCC RF exposure guidelines. Use of other accessories may not ensure compliance with FCC RF exposure guidelines. The handset may be safely held against the ear of the user. The telephone base shall be installed and used such that parts of the user's body other than the hands are maintained at a distance of approximately 20 cm (8 inches) or more.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian requirement: CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3(B).

FCC Part 68 and ACTA

This equipment complies with Part 68 of the FCC rules and with technical requirements adopted by the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA). The label on the back or bottom of this equipment contains, among other things, a product identifier in the format US:AAAEQ##TXXXX. This identifier must be provided to your telephone service

provider upon request.

The plug and jack used to connect this equipment to premises wiring and the telephone network must comply with applicable Part 68 rules and technical requirements adopted by ACTA. A compliant telephone cord and modular plug is provided with this product. It is designed to be connected to a compatible modular jack that is also compliant. An RJ11 jack should normally be used for connecting to a single line and an RJ14 jack for two lines. See the installation instructions in the user's manual.

The Ringer Equivalence Number (REN) is used to determine how many devices you may connect to your telephone line and still have them ring when you are called. The REN for this product is encoded as the 6th and 7th characters following the US: in the product identifier (e.g., if ## is 03, the REN is 0.3). In most, but not all areas, the sum of all RENs should be five (5.0) or less. For more information, please contact your telephone service provider.

This equipment must not be used with Party Lines. If you have specially wired alarm dialing equipment connected to your telephone line, ensure the connection of this equipment does not disable your alarm equipment. If you have questions about what will disable alarm equipment, consult your telephone service provider or a qualified installer.

If this equipment is malfunctioning, it must be unplugged from the modular jack until the problem has been corrected. Repairs to this telephone equipment can only be made by the manufacturer or its authorized agents. For repair procedures, follow the instructions outlined under the **Limited warranty**.

If this equipment is causing harm to the telephone network, the telephone service provider may temporarily discontinue your telephone service. The telephone service provider is required to notify you before interrupting service. If advance notice is not practical, you will be notified as soon as possible. You will be given the opportunity to correct the problem and the telephone service provider is required to inform you of your right to file a complaint with the FCC. Your telephone service provider may make changes in its facilities, equipment, operation, or procedures that could affect the proper functioning of this product. The telephone service provider is required to notify you if such changes are planned.

If this product is equipped with a corded or cordless handset, it is hearing aid compatible.

If this product has memory dialing locations, you may choose to store emergency telephone numbers (e.g., police, fire, medical) in these locations. If you do store or test emergency numbers, please:

Remain on the line and briefly explain the reason for the call before hanging up.

Perform such activities in off-peak hours, such as early morning or late evening.

Industry Canada

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s).

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Privacy of communications may not be ensured when using this telephone.

The term "IC:" before the certification/registration number only signifies that the Industry Canada technical specifications were met.

The Ringer Equivalence Number (REN) for this terminal equipment is 1.0. The REN indicates the maximum number of devices allowed to be connected to a telephone interface. The termination of an interface may consist of any combination of devices subject only to the requirement that the sum of the RENs of all the devices not exceed five.

This product meets the applicable Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada technical specifications.

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IMPORTANT

Are you a new cable or VoIP subscriber?

If your answer is **yes**, the existing telephone jacks in your home may no longer work. Your cable/VoIP service provider uses a different connection, separate from your old traditional telephone service, to connect the modem/router/terminal adapter installed in your home.

To allow all existing telephone jacks to work, contact your telephone service provider for solutions, such as rewiring services (fees may apply).

If your answer is **no**, your existing telephone jacks will continue to work as normal.

Did you subscribe to voicemail service from your telephone service provider?

Some telephone service providers bundle or combine multiple services like voicemail and call waiting, so you may not be aware that you have voicemail. To check what services you have and how to access them, contact your telephone service provider.

Use the voicemail service only

To use your voicemail service rather than your answering system, turn off your answering system.

Use the answering system only

To use your answering system rather than your voicemail service, contact your telephone service provider to deactivate your voicemail service.

Use the answering system and voicemail together

You can also use your telephone answering system and voicemail together by setting your built-in answering system to answer before voicemail answers as described below. To learn how to program your voicemail settings, contact your telephone service provider.

If you are on a call, or if the answering system is busy recording a message and you receive another call, the second caller can leave a voicemail message.

Set your answering system to answer calls at least two rings earlier than your voicemail is set to answer. For example, if your voicemail answers after six rings, set your answering system to answer after four rings. Some voicemail providers may program the delay before answering calls in seconds instead of rings. In this case, allow six seconds per ring when determining the appropriate setting.

