

Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance & Training Center

Preparing a Previously Owned Speech Generating Device (SGD) for Donation

- 1. Is the battery holding a full charge, even when not plugged in?
- 2. Is the charger available and in good condition (e.g. no cracks in the cord; no overheating)?
- 3. Is the case and screen intact (no cracks)?
- 4. Can the device operate fully?

If the answer to any of these questions is "No", DO NOT DONATE AT THIS TIME. Note that in non-emergency situations, this device may be useful for parts. In addition, the manufacturer may accept the device for "trade-in" credit or proper disposal.

- 5. Gather all original overlays, USB or CD, if applicable; operating manual; peripherals (e.g. switches; mounts).
- Remove any customized overlays.
- 7. Restore software to factory settings, taking care to remove any customized vocabulary and personal information (e.g. name, address, credit card information).
- CLEAN the "hard" components: key guard, screen, case, handle, protective/carrying case; other related components such as switches; mounting systems. Refer to the Pass It On Center's Knowledge Base on general principles for selecting cleaning supplies at http://www.passitoncenter.org/kb article.php?id=57 and cleaning procedures at http://www.passitoncenter.org/kb article.php?id=58
- Gather other documentation/related information: device name/model number/serial number; approximate date of purchase, warranty (if any), list of software applications (including version number), manufacturer/vendor contact information.

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