Please check your tunnelled line every day and phone your dialysis unit or the renal ward immediately if you see:

- Broken or missing parts.
- A change in the position of your line.
- Blood on the end of the lines.
- Blood on your clothes or bedding.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

For people who have a tunnelled haemodialysis line

If you are bleeding from your tunnelled haemodialysis line, Call 999

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If you see blood leaking out from your tunnelled line or that it is broken do the following:

- Call for help and use the blue haemodialysis clamp provided for you by your dialysis team.
- Place you blue clamp just above the split or broken point on the line and squeeze the clamp gently until you can feel the clamp holding on to the line. Bleeding should slow down or stop completely.
- Call 999 and tell them you are bleeding from a tunnelled haemodialysis line.
- Lie down if you feel dizzy or lightheaded.

