

This checklist includes some examples of practical, simple steps which may help reduce the risk of accident or injury when having a seizure. See how Seizure Smart you are!

Strategies that may reduce the risk of...

To Do	Done	BRUISES OR CUTS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Around the home reduce clutter and furniture with sharp or jutting edges.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use a shower curtain rather than a glass screen.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply a safety film to glass doors or consider installing reinforced glass.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use non-breakable crockery and cordless appliances with an automatic switch off.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	When loading a dishwasher, place sharp edges downwards.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buy pre-sliced food whenever possible to avoid using knives.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use an electric shaver rather than a razor.
To Do	Done	BURNS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure hot water system, spas and heaters are temperature controlled.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Place fixed safety guards around fireplaces. Avoid lightweight and free standing heaters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Install wall mounted heaters or central heating where possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Always turn the cold water tap on first and off last.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use a microwave where possible instead of a stove or oven.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If using a stovetop, cook with the rear elements and turn pot handles toward the back.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve meals from the counter rather than carrying hot food to the table.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid lighting candles or fires when alone.
To Do	Done	DROWNING
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Always be aware of the risk when around water.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use common sense in areas with spas, fish ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid swimming alone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wear an approved life jacket for water activities such as boating and fishing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid higher risk water sports such as scuba diving or high board diving.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shower rather than bathe. Use a shower chair if necessary.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If showering in a bath, always leave the plug out.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid showering or bathing while in the house alone, if possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Always supervise children in the bath and around water.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If seizures occur at regular times, shower at a time when seizures are less likely.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have bathroom doors that are outward opening, sliding, divided or easily removed.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Never lock the bathroom door
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turn the taps off before getting into the bath.
To Do	Done	FALLS AND BROKEN BONES OR TEETH
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid high-risk activities such as climbing a ladder or rock climbing without a harness.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter, horse, skateboard or roller-blades.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid sleeping on a top bunk.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear any furniture or hard objects away from the bed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stand well back from the road or platform edge when waiting for a bus or train.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use lifts instead of stairs where possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Put rubber-backed mats on slippery or tiled floors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Live in a single-level home. Avoid homes with stairs when possible.
To Do	Done	SUFFOCATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't sleep with more than one pillow.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use an alarm (eg baby or seizure monitor or intercom) to help alert to night-time seizures.
To Do	Done	MEDICATION MISTAKES
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep medications away in a cool, dry place out of reach of children.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not leave medication in pockets or handbags.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check with the doctor what to do if medication is missed or repeated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Always consult the doctor before changing prescribed medication regime.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use a diary, pill box or tray to help take medications as prescribed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do NOT change brands without consulting the specialist.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Before using other medications or supplements, discuss with the pharmacist and doctor.
To Do	Done	OTHER PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure that friends, family and colleagues know what to do in case of a seizure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consider a medical bracelet or ID card if seizures are likely to occur in public places.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consider an emergency response alarm.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid substances that may make medications less effective.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use a seizure diary to keep track of your epilepsy, pick up any patterns or triggers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Get to know what your seizure triggers are and try to avoid them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lead a healthy lifestyle - eat well and try to get regular exercise.

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