

FIRST AID FOR SEIZURES

TONIC CLONIC SEIZURE

Convulsive seizures where the body stiffens (tonic phase) followed by rhythmic muscle jerking (clonic phase).



DO

- ✓ Stay with the person
- ✓ Time the seizure
- ✓ Keep them safe: protect from injury especially the head
- ✓ Roll onto side after jerking stops (immediately if food/fluid/vomit in mouth)
- ✓ Observe and monitor breathing
- ✓ Gently reassure until recovered



DO NOT

- ✗ Put anything in the person's mouth
- ✗ Restrain the person
- ✗ Move person unless in danger

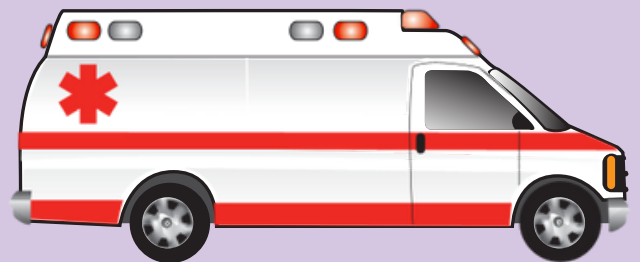
FOCAL SEIZURE

Non-convulsive seizures with possible signs of confusion, inappropriate responses or behaviour.

- Stay with the person
- Time the seizure
- Gently guide away from harm if necessary
- Gently reassure until recovered
- **DO NOT** restrain the person unless in danger

CALL 000 FOR AN AMBULANCE IF:

- You are in any doubt
- Injury has occurred
- There is food/fluid/vomit in mouth
- Seizure occurs in water
- Person has breathing difficulties after jerking stops
- Another seizure quickly follows
- Seizure lasts longer than 5 mins
- The person is non-responsive for more than 5 mins after the seizure ends



This is not medical advice nor an exhaustive list of responses to seizures. This is a guide to help you consider your response to seizures. If you are in any doubt about what to do, do not hesitate to call an ambulance.



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