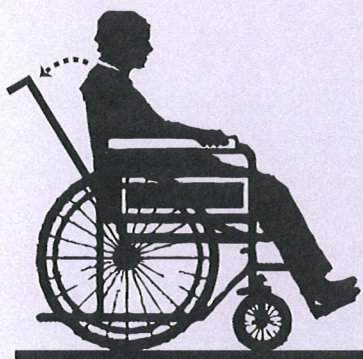


# FIRST AID FOR SEIZURES

## TONIC CLONIC SEIZURE

## Person in Wheelchair



### DO

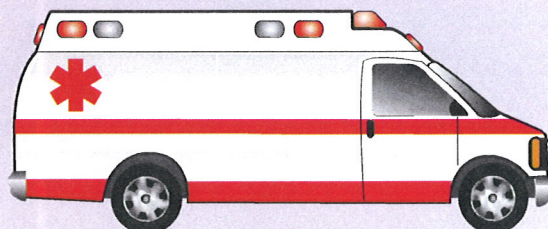
- ✓ Stay with the person
- ✓ Time seizure
- ✓ Apply brakes
- ✓ Leave person in chair with seatbelt on
- ✓ Recline backrest only - do not tilt wheelchair
- ✓ Lean person slightly to one side to aid drainage of any fluid/food/vomit in mouth
- ✓ Support head and protect airway as required
- ✓ After the jerking stops carefully remove from chair and place in recovery position if possible or required
- ✓ Observe and reassure until recovered

### DO NOT

- ✗ Put anything in the person's mouth
- ✗ Restrain the person
- ✗ Tilt or tip wheelchair

## 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
- Another seizure follows quickly
- Jerking of a tonic-clonic seizure lasts over 5 mins
- Complex partial seizures last longer than 15 mins
- Person has breathing difficulties after jerking stops



This is not medical advice or 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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