

# Is it epilepsy?



## Questions to ask a witness of a person presenting with a possible seizure

The answers to these questions can be used to inform an assessment of epilepsy in a person with a disability presenting with a possible seizure.

Person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time of possible seizure: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the person doing at the time of the changed behaviour indicating a seizure could have occurred?

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Did you notice or did the person complain of anything before the changed behaviour indicating a seizure could have occurred?  Yes  No (please tick)

If yes, what did you observe?

e.g. altered speech, nausea, sweating, vomiting, change in skin colour, or confusion.

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Did the person lose consciousness, become unresponsive or seem unaware that you were there?

Yes  No (please tick) If yes, for approximately how long?

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What did you observe the person doing, what was the changed behaviour witnessed?

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How long did this change in behaviour last?

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What was the person's behaviour after the possible seizure event?

Describe what you witnessed:

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Was the person confused, nauseated or aggressive?  Yes  No (please tick)

If so, describe what you witnessed:

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Was the person's speech altered?  Yes  No (please tick)

If so, describe what you witnessed:

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Were there any other concerns raised by the person?  Yes  No (please tick)

If so, what were they?

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Did you take the person's pulse?  Yes  No (please tick)

If so, when did you take it and what was it at that time?

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Other comments:

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