First Aid for Focal Impaired Awareness (Complex Partial) Seizures

Non-convulsive seizures in which awareness is affected but consciousness is not lost

KNOW THE SIGNS



Wandering aimlessly



Fidgeting with clothing



Agitated behaviour



Chewing & smacking of lips



Confused or slurred speech



Staring trance-like

KNOW WHAT TO DO



DO time the seizure



DON'T restrain or grab



DO guide gently from danger



DO calmly reassure



DO stay until seizure ends



DO explain what happened



When to call an ambulance

- If the seizure is longer than 5 minutes
- If the person has more than one seizure
- If you know it is the person's first seizure
- If the person is injured
- If you are in any doubt



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