

REHABILITATIVE RESOURCES, INC.

CARE AND AFTERCARE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A SEIZURE

CALL FOR MEDICAL HELP (911) WHEN:

- If this is a **NEW** or a **CHANGE** from the individual's seizure pattern.
- Convulsive seizures lasting more than **FIVE** minutes.
- The individual does not resume breathing after the seizure. Give CPR.
- The individual has one seizure after another.
- The individual is injured.

CARE DURING A CONVULSIVE SEIZURE:

- REMAIN CALM
- PROTECT HEAD BY REMOVING GLASSES AND SHARP OBJECTS
- LOOSEN CLOTHING AROUND THE NECK
- TURN PERSON ON SIDE TO PROTECT AIRWAY
- NEVER PLACE ANYTHING IN MOUTH
- TRACK TIME

**FOR A NON-CONVULSIVE SEIZURE (COMPLEX PARTIAL)
CARE:**

- DO NOT RESTRAIN
- STAY CALM AND TRACK TIME
- REDIRECT FROM HAZARDS
- DO NOT AGITATE, SPEAK CALMLY
- ALWAYS STAY WITH INDIVIDUAL DURING SEIZURE

AFTERCARE:

Do reassure the individual. They may be very tired and require rest. Stay with the individual until they are fully awake and reoriented. Don't offer food or drink until the individual is fully conscious. Follow the individualized seizure protocol for additional care. If this is a **new** seizure or is a **change** from the normal pattern of individual's seizure this would require activating EMS. If an individual is having an increased number of seizures call the HCP. Document seizure using Rehabilitative Resources Seizure Record and medical progress notes.