



Cut out these cards and stick them on to a piece of cardboard. On the reverse side **CLEARLY PRINT** your name and the address at which you are staying in Gibraltar.

I HAVE EPILEPSY

If I am found unconscious this is not because I have been drinking or taking drugs but probably because I have just had an epileptic seizure.

If I should have a seizure...

- Do not move me unless I am in danger.
- Leave a clear space around me, loosen my collar and put something under my head.
- Do not restrict my movements.
- Do not lift me up.
- Do not force anything between my teeth.
- It is not necessary to call an ambulance, the police or a doctor unless I do not recover consciousness in a few minutes.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

I usually recover consciousness in _____ minutes.

Please do not call an ambulance unless I do not recover consciousness within 10 minutes or one seizure follows another without me regaining consciousness.

If you are travelling with a child, use the cards shown below and give them to the child to carry, carefully explain to him or her that if you do have a seizure and are surrounded by strangers the card should be shown to an adult. Make sure that both your name, address and the child's name and address are clearly written on the reverse side of the card.

My parent has Epilepsy. Please do not panic. This is how you can help us

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| Do. | Do not: |
| * Keep calm. | * Panic. |
| * Provide gentle protection from obvious dangers. | * Try to stop the seizure. |
| * Let the seizure run its course. | * Place anything in the mouth. |
| * Telephone this number
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and tell the person who answers what has happened. | * Send for an ambulance unless
One seizure follows another.
The seizure lasts longer than 5-6 minutes.
Consciousness is not regained after 10 minutes or there is obvious injury. |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

My parent usually recovers consciousness in _____ minutes.

Please do not call an ambulance unless I do not recover consciousness within 10 minutes or one seizure follows another without me regaining consciousness.

Take a supply of your medication with you to Gibraltar. If you should unfortunately lose or mislay your tablets the following table may be useful to you. It is very important that you should know the generic (chemical name) of your drug.

Emergency Medical Treatment

Gibraltar is within the European Economic Area (EEA) and so arrangements are in place for medical treatment to be provided for British Nationals on production of a British passport or an NHS medical card or a driving licence.

Details of receiving medical treatment in countries within the European Economic Area, which includes Gibraltar, can be obtained from the booklet, produced by the Department of Health, called "Health Advice for Travellers". It is available free of charge from the Department of Health, by calling 0800 555 777 or from main Post Offices.

Generic (chemical) name	Brand name(s) in the UK
carbamazepine	Tegretol ®, Tegretol Retard ®
clobazam	Frisium ®
clonazepam	Rivotril ®
ethosuximide	Zarontin ®, Emeside ®
gabapentin	Neurontin ®
lamotrigine	Lamictal ®
levetiracetam	Keppra ®
phenobarbitone	Gardenal ®
phenytoin	Epanutin ®
primidone	Mysoline ®
valproate	Epilim ®, Epilim Chrono ®
vigabatrin	Sabril ®
tiagabine	Gabitril ®
topiramate	Topamax ®



Additional Insurance

Whilst essential emergency treatment is available free of charge on production of Form E111 other difficulties possibly arising as a result of your epilepsy are not covered, not least the possibilities of missing a flight or incurring the cost of an extended stay in Gibraltar once emergency treatment has been given. You are strongly advised to take out additional travel insurance to cover any risk relating to your epilepsy.

You will need to shop around to get the best level of cover. Different insurance companies offer different levels of cover at widely differing costs and restrictions. A good starting point is to get a quote from the Post Office by visiting your local Post Office, by calling free on 0800 169 9999 or online at www.postoffice.co.uk

Taking Medicines into Gibraltar

You should not have any problem taking your prescribed drugs into Gibraltar but it is wise to take with you a letter from your doctor or Epilepsy Specialist Nurse giving details of your prescription just in case you are challenged through Customs.

Time Difference

If flights are on schedule the time difference between Gibraltar and the UK * will make no difference to your timetable for taking your tablets. If journey times are significantly delayed do not forget to take your tablets at the interval(s) you are used to.* Gibraltar is 2 hours ahead of GMT. It may, however, vary from standard time at some part of the year such as Summer Time or Daylight Saving Time.