

# Emergency Medication



Emergency epilepsy medication works by stopping or reducing seizure activity if given during a seizure. A person's doctor may prescribe emergency medication if they have seizures that last a long time, clusters of seizures and/or if they last a long distance from medical assistance.

Emergency medication is not used as a replacement for daily ASMs. Instead emergency medication is prescribed in an effort to stop a seizure before it becomes prolonged and potentially harmful.

It's important for anyone who has a duty of care to administer emergency medication to undertake training so that they feel confident and capable if the need arises. The Epilepsy Foundation can assist in developing [Epilepsy Management Plans](#), [Emergency Medication Management Plans](#) and individualised [training](#) to families, carers, teachers and others in the community.