

Creating the ultimate Seizure Readiness Kit for Your Child

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Seizures bring a level of uncertainty those outside of our community will never know—and in most cases, we parents are the first responders. As unpredictable as our lives can be, there are things we can do to help “control the uncontrollable.” For our family, one of those things was creating our Seizure Readiness Kit.

Things to include

ALL CURRENT MEDICATIONS

(at least 1 full day) Helps keep medications on schedule in the event you are not able to get home when planned

THERMOMETER

Tells you if your child’s temperature is too high, potentially triggering a seizure

SUNGLASSES

Helps reduce light-triggered seizures

FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATION

(both oral and rectal) Lowers temperature to potentially avoid a seizure

SYRINGES

Administers medication, if needed

SEIZURE ACTION PLAN

Helps others know what to do when a seizure happens and how to address special medical needs in the event of an emergency

SEIZURE RESCUE MEDICATION

Helps stop seizures

FINGER PULSE OXIMETER

Measures oxygen levels in the blood during a seizure

FOOD/SNACKS

Provides flexibility to feed your child if away from home for an unexpected period of time (particularly important for children following a medical diet)

BLANKET

Provides a clean surface for your child during a seizure and/or privacy for rectal administration of medication

COMFORTING ITEM

Provides comfort in the event of an unexpected emergency or hospitalization

SET OF CLOTHES

Provides a fresh outfit if soiled during a seizure or away from home for an unexpected period of time

CPR REFERENCE CARD

Gives you a quick guide for resuscitating your child

Please keep in mind that the items on this list are examples that work for Wendy and her family. Every form of epilepsy is different. Please talk to your doctor to determine what is best based on your or your loved one’s unique needs.

