



**BC Epilepsy  
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## Medical Identification and Safety Devices for People with Epilepsy

The companies listed here are commercial sources of products that may be helpful for people with epilepsy. We have no interest, financial or otherwise in these companies and are not endorsing their products. Check with a medical professional and conduct your own research before deciding on a purchase.

### **Medical Identification**

**MedicAlert** 1-800-668-1507 [www.medicalert.ca](http://www.medicalert.ca)

Sells medical ID jewelry and keeps your medical information and emergency contacts in a database accessible to medical staff. As well as purchasing the medical ID, you pay a yearly membership fee. They offer a Membership Assistance Program to provide a partial subsidy for the fee and the cost of a stainless steel bracelet for adults age 20 and above. For more information, see the Membership Assistance Application Form at [www.medicalert.ca/en/why/assistance.asp](http://www.medicalert.ca/en/why/assistance.asp)

**No Child Without** 1-866-679-3220 [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca)

A charitable program that offers free MedicAlert identification to students aged 4 to 14 years. The child must be attending a school whose district is participating in this program. Contact your child's school for more information.

**Lauren's Hope** 1-800-360-8680 [www.laurenshope.com](http://www.laurenshope.com)

Offers an extensive variety of stylish medical ID jewelry for men, women, boys, and girls. Jewelry includes bracelets, necklaces, charms, bag tags, and temporary tattoos.

**Universal Medical ID Canada** 1-800-616-3400 [www.universalmedicalid.com/canada](http://www.universalmedicalid.com/canada)

Provides many functional medical ID jewelry options. Each medical ID also comes with free engraving, a wallet card and an online medical registry with no annual fees. This registry allows a medical caregiver to access a brief summary of medical information, care instructions, and emergency contacts.

**Vital ID** 250-760-0048 [www.vitalid.ca](http://www.vitalid.ca)

Offers durable, customizable, and waterproof wrist bands. These are particularly useful for kids and sport enthusiasts. An ID card is enclosed inside the bracelet, making it quick and easy to update and modify information. Shoe tags, ID for sport helmets, and disposable safety and travel bands for kids are also available.

**Beading Hearts** 1-888-961-7717 [www.beadinglehearts.ca](http://www.beadinglehearts.ca)

This company offers affordable and fashionable medical ID products for various occasions and ages. These include beaded bracelets, waterproof or durable leather wristbands and sport identification.

Below are links to other companies who also provide medical IDs:

**Beaded Daisy:** [www.beadeddaisy.com](http://www.beadeddaisy.com)

**Creative Medical ID:** [www.creativemedicalid.com](http://www.creativemedicalid.com)

**Custom Medical Bracelets:** [www.custommedicalbracelets.com](http://www.custommedicalbracelets.com)

**Fiddledee IDs:** [www.fiddledeeeids.com](http://www.fiddledeeeids.com)

**Medical ID Store:** [www.medicalidstore.com](http://www.medicalidstore.com)

**N-Style ID:** [www.n-styleid.com](http://www.n-styleid.com)

**Petite Baubles Boutique:** [www.petitebaublesboutique.com](http://www.petitebaublesboutique.com)

**Sticky Jewelry:** [www.stickyj.com](http://www.stickyj.com)



Medical ID jewelry can also be purchased at some pharmacies and jewelry stores. These can come engraved with names of common health conditions, such as epilepsy, or can be blank for personalized engraving.

### **Medication Reminders**

A weekly or daily pillbox is recommended to help organize medication. These are available at most drug stores, and come in a range of sizes and formats. Devices that will also help to organize your medication schedule include:

**Aqua Pill Timer** Search [shop.epilepsyfoundation.org/store](http://shop.epilepsyfoundation.org/store)

A pill container which holds water and a straw. It also includes an alarm that can be programmed to remind you to take your medicine at the proper time.

**E-Pill** 1-800-549-0095 [www.epill.com](http://www.epill.com)

Sells a variety of medication reminders and organizers to help a person remember to take medications as prescribed. These include automatic pill dispensers, medication reminder watches, and pagers.

**OnTimeRX** 1-866-944-8966 [www.ontimerx.com](http://www.ontimerx.com)

A medication reminder service that delivers scheduled messages to a phone, computer, or pager. Medication reminder software is also available for devices, such as a BlackBerry, PDA, or Smartphone.

**WatchMinder** 1-800-961-0023 [www.watchminder.com](http://www.watchminder.com)

A vibrating alarm watch designed as a training and reminder system for various uses. It can assist children and adults with memory problems, attention deficit disorders or learning disabilities. It contains up to 16 daily reminder alarms and 70 pre-programmed messages.

### **Head Protection**

**Danmar Products** 1-800-783-1998 [www.danmarproducts.com](http://www.danmarproducts.com)

Produces safety equipment, specializing in custom sized helmets. Soft and hard shell models are available, as well as chin and face guards. Other products include head supports, floatation devices, and toileting aides.

**Plum Enterprises** 1-800-321-7586 [www.plument.com](http://www.plument.com)

Produces a variety of fall safety wear. This includes ProtectaCap, a lightweight foam protective head covering that is comfortable, attractive, and washable. Other products include specialized padding for various parts of the body, including legs, arms, and the hip.

### **Seizure Monitors**

A baby monitor may be useful to listen for sounds of a possible seizure from another location. Other devices have more advanced and/or multiple sensors to monitor unusual movements and other symptoms, such as movement, vocal sounds, unusual breathing patterns, or wandering.

**EasyLink UK Epilepsy Monitors and Alarms** 0153-626-4869 [www.easylinkuk.co.uk](http://www.easylinkuk.co.uk)

Manufactures several kinds of bed seizure monitors to help detect nocturnal convulsive seizures and provide remote alarm signaling to alert parents or care staff. Other products include pressure sensitive floor pads to alert about wandering, breathing monitors, and bed, chair and door exit alarm sensors.

**Stevens Motion Detection Monitor** 1-800-268-0184 [www.stevens.ca/Images/docs/Monitor.pdf](http://www.stevens.ca/Images/docs/Monitor.pdf)

This system has a sensitive motion sensor for use in bed to detect motion due to events such as seizures. Infallibility cannot be guaranteed, because there are many factors determining the possibility of detecting variable seizure patterns and other conditions.

### **Other Devices**

**Safety Placemat** 1-904-993-2157 [www.seizuresupport.com/products.htm](http://www.seizuresupport.com/products.htm)

Designed by a mother of a child with uncontrolled drop seizures, these placemats pad surfaces, including table edges to protect the head, face, or chin. A portion of all sales is donated to the Epilepsy Foundation.

**Sleep-Safe Pillows** [www.sleep-safe.co.uk](http://www.sleep-safe.co.uk)

This pillow may be useful for those with nocturnal seizures to help prevent suffocation while sleeping. These pillows are made from soft, highly porous foam, and have a unique shape and texture, which permits much greater airflow than conventional pillows.

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