



## Why is epilepsy training important?

When a person with epilepsy understands their condition and is involved in the development of their epilepsy management plan, there are many benefits for both the individual and their service provider.

### ■ Better support services

The feedback from support workers and supervisors who have participated in our training tells us that they feel more confident in recognising seizure activity and providing client-specific support. Clients experience better support outcomes through improved epilepsy management plan development.

### ■ Better risk assessments

There are more than 300 epilepsy-related deaths in Australia every year. Half of these are due to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). Other causes of death linked to epilepsy include drowning, accidents and status epilepticus.

Twenty-five percent of people with an intellectual disability live with epilepsy.

Training in epilepsy gives service providers up-to-date information to ensure risk assessments are comprehensive and that staff are trained in emergency medication administration.

### ■ It's the law!

Good practice is not just about doing the right thing. It is also about meeting your responsibilities under the Disability Act (2006) and the Quality Framework for Disability Services in Victoria (2007).

Epilepsy training with a person-centred approach provides practical skills to help participants achieve quality outcomes for their clients.

## Why choose us?

The Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria is a community service organisation. Our trainers have backgrounds in nursing, disabilities, education, social work and case management.

Trainers hold a minimum Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training qualification.

### ■ We know our stuff

Our workshops are informative, interactive and practical. Our trainers have an in-depth knowledge of epilepsy. We specialise in the development of epilepsy management plans and emergency medication administration.

### ■ We know your stuff

Our trainers have experience working with organisations of all sizes, across all sectors. We understand the benefits and challenges of developing epilepsy management plans that actively involve the individual.

We understand the importance of working within the Disability Act (2006) and the Quality Framework for Disability Services (2007) in Victoria.

### ■ We are flexible and adaptable

We can tailor our training courses to meet your needs. Training can be held at your site or ours.

### ■ We will support you

Our training services are complemented by our free Epilepsy Helpline (1300 852 853), which is available for additional support.

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