

Seizure Type	Symptoms	Loss of Consciousness?	Duration
Tonic	Sudden muscle rigidity; possible recurring relaxation and stiffening	Usually	A few seconds to a minute
Atonic	Loss of muscle tone; possible falling	Yes	A few seconds
Myoclonic	Brief spasms of arms and/or legs	Rarely	Several seconds
Atypical Absence	Appearance of "spacing out," staring into space, lack of awareness	Yes	Less than 15 seconds
Tonic-clonic (less common)	Involuntary jerking and stiffness; impaired recollection of the event	Frequent	One to two minutes
Status epilepticus	Seizure requires emergency injection of medication to stop; possible brain damage or death (in LGS involving absence, tonic, or tonic-clonic seizures)	Yes	More than 30 minutes
Infantile spasms	May precede diagnosis of LGS; sudden jerks in very young babies	Possible	Less than a second or two, often in a series