

What to do in an asthma attack

My name

Please call this person if I have an asthma attack

Name _____

Number _____

Name of my doctor _____

Doctor's number _____

Signs of an asthma attack

- You need to take your blue inhaler a lot
- Your chest feels tight
- You are coughing and wheezing a lot
- You cannot breathe well
- It is hard to talk

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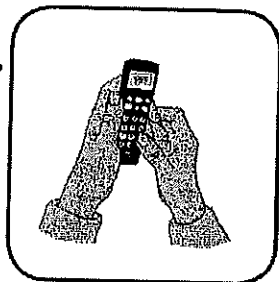
Sit up straight - don't lie down. Try to stay calm

2.



Take one puff of your inhaler every minute until you feel better. You can take up to ten puffs of your blue inhaler.

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If you don't feel better after ten puffs of your blue inhaler, call 999 for help.

This has been made by Asthma UK, a charity that helps people with asthma.

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My Asthma Plan

1 My usual asthma medicines

- My preventer inhaler is called _____
_____ and its colour is _____
- I take _____ puff/s of my preventer inhaler in the morning and _____ puff/s at night. I do this every day even if I feel well.
- Other asthma medicines I take every day: _____
- My reliever inhaler is called _____ and its colour is _____
- I take _____ puff/s of my reliever inhaler when I wheeze or cough, my chest hurts or it's hard to breathe.
- My best peak flow is _____

If I need my blue inhaler to do any sport or activity, I need to see my doctor or asthma nurse.



2 My asthma is getting worse if...

- I wheeze or cough, my chest hurts or it's hard to breathe, or
- I need my reliever inhaler (usually blue) three or more times a week, or
- My peak flow is less than _____ or
- I'm waking up at night because of my asthma (this is an important sign and I will book a next day appointment)

If my asthma gets worse, I will:

- Take my preventer medicines as normal
- And also take _____ puff/s of my blue reliever inhaler every four hours
- See my doctor or nurse urgently if I don't feel better within 24 hours



URGENT! "If your blue reliever inhaler isn't lasting for four hours you are having an asthma attack and you need to take emergency action now (see section 3)"



Remember to use my spacer with my inhaler if I have one.

(If I don't have one, I'll check with my doctor or nurse if it would help me)

Other things to do if my asthma is getting worse

3 I'm having an asthma attack if...

- My reliever inhaler isn't helping or I need it more than every four hours, or
- I can't talk, walk or eat easily, or
- I'm finding it hard to breathe, or
- I'm coughing or wheezing a lot or my chest is tight/hurts, or
- My peak flow is less than _____

If I have an asthma attack, I will:



Call for help



Sit up — don't lie down. Try to be calm.



Take one puff of my reliever inhaler (with my spacer if I have it) every 30 to 60 seconds up to a total of 10 puffs.



If I don't have my blue inhaler, or it's not helping, I need to call 999 straightaway.



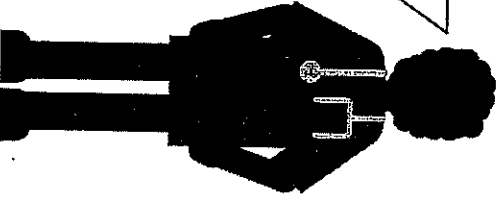
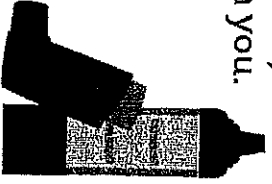
While I wait for an ambulance I can use my blue reliever again, every 30 to 60 seconds (up to 10 puffs) if I need to.

Even if I start to feel better, I don't want this to happen again, so I need to see my doctor or asthma nurse today.

My asthma triggers:

List the things that make your asthma worse and what you can do to help

Always keep your reliever inhaler (usually blue) and your spacer with you. You might need them if your asthma gets worse.



I will see my doctor or asthma nurse at least once a year (but more if I need to)

Date I got my asthma plan:

Date of my next asthma review:

Doctor/asthma nurse contact details:

Parents – get the most from your child's action plan

- Take a photo and keep it on your mobile (and your child's mobile if they have one)
- Stick a copy on your fridge door
- Share your child's action plan with school

Learn more about what to do during an asthma attack www.asthma.org.uk/advice/asthma-attacks

Questions? Ask Asthma UK's nurses:

Call on **0300 222 5800** (9am–5pm: Mon–Fri)

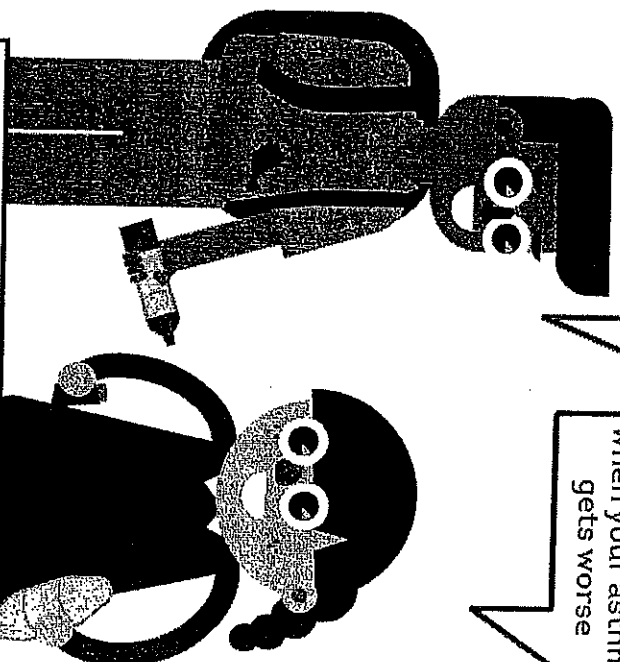
Or message on WhatsApp **07378 606 728** (9am–5pm: Mon–Fri)

My Asthma Plan



Your asthma plan tells you what medicines to take to stay well

And what to do when your asthma gets worse



Name: _____

