

## My asthma triggers

List the things that make your asthma worse so you can try to avoid or treat them.

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

Date my asthma plan was updated:

Date of my next asthma review:

Doctor/asthma nurse contact details:

## Parents and carers – 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 their school

Learn more about what to do during an asthma attack [asthma.org.uk/child-asthma-attacks](https://www.asthma.org.uk/child-asthma-attacks)

## ASTHMA QUESTIONS?

Parents and carers ask our respiratory nurse specialists

Call **0300 222 5800**

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(Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm over 16 only)



# CHILD ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Fill this in with your GP or nurse

Name and date:

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# 1 My every day asthma care

## I need to take my preventer inhaler every day.

It 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 my asthma's OK

## Other asthma medicines I take every day:

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## My reliever inhaler helps when I have symptoms.

It is called:

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and its colour is:

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I take ..... puff/s of my reliever inhaler when I wheeze or cough, my chest hurts or it's hard to breathe.



If I need my reliever inhaler (usually blue) when I do sports or activity, I need to see my doctor or my asthma nurse.

# 2 My asthma is getting worse if...

- I wheeze, 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**
- I'm waking up at night because of my asthma (this is an important sign and I will book a next day appointment with my GP or nurse).

## If my asthma gets worse, I will:

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

## URGENT!

If your reliever inhaler is not lasting four hours, 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 my doctor or nurse says I need to do if my asthma is getting worse (e.g. check my peak flow)

# 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.

## If I have an asthma attack I will:

1. Call for help. Sit up – don't lie down. Try to keep calm.
2. 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.
3. If I don't have my reliever inhaler, or it's not helping, or if I am worried at any time, **call 999 for an ambulance.**
4. If the ambulance has not arrived after 10 minutes and my symptoms are not improving, repeat step 2.
5. If my symptoms are no better after repeating step 2, and the ambulance has still not arrived, **contact 999 again immediately.**



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.