

First Aid for Asthma





Assess

MILD - Short of breath, wheeze, cough, tight chest.

MODERATE- Loud wheeze, breathing difficulty, speak in short sentences

SEVERE - Distressed, gasping for breath difficulty speaking two words blueness around their mouth.

IF THE PERSON HAS SEVERE ASTHMA CALL 999/112

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Sit

Sit the person upright and stay with them.

MILD symptoms give 2 doses of a reliever

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Treat

Treat with 6 doses of any reliever inhaler.

Where possible use a spacer.

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Help

If the person does not improve in 5 minutes call 999/112.

Continue to use a reliever inhaler

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Monitor

If the person improves after 5 minutes, keep monitoring.

If needed, repeat doses of the reliever inhaler.

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ALL OK!

When the person is free of wheeze, cough or breathlessness, return to a quiet activity.

If the symptoms return repeat the treatment.

AFTER ANY ASTHMA ATTACH YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR.

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