

# ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Name:	Date:
Doctor:	Medical Record #:
Doctor's Phone #: Day	Night/Weekend
Emergency Contact:	
Doctor's Signature:	



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The colors of a traffic light will help you use your asthma medicines.



**GREEN means Go Zone!**

Use preventive medicine.

**YELLOW means Caution Zone!**

Add quick-relief medicine.

**RED means Danger Zone!**

Get help from a doctor.

Personal Best Peak Flow: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GO</b>		Use these daily controller medicines:		
You have <b>all</b> of these:	Peak flow: from _____ to _____	MEDICINE	HOW MUCH	HOW OFTEN/WHEN
• Breathing is good				
• No cough or wheeze				
• Sleep through the night				
• Can work & play				
For asthma with exercise, take:				
<b>CAUTION</b>				
You have <b>any</b> of these:	Peak flow: from _____ to _____	Continue with green zone medicine and add:		
• First signs of a cold		MEDICINE	HOW MUCH	HOW OFTEN/ WHEN
• Exposure to known trigger				
• Cough				
• Mild wheeze				
• Tight chest				
• Coughing at night				
CALL YOUR ASTHMA CARE PROVIDER.				
<b>DANGER</b>				
Your asthma is getting worse fast:	Peak flow: reading below _____	Take these medicines and call your doctor now.		
• Medicine is not helping		MEDICINE	HOW MUCH	HOW OFTEN/WHEN
• Breathing is hard & fast				
• Nose opens wide				
• Trouble speaking				
• Ribs show (in children)				

**GET HELP FROM A DOCTOR NOW! Your doctor will want to see you right away. It's important!  
If you cannot contact your doctor, go directly to the emergency room. DO NOT WAIT.**

Make an appointment with your asthma care provider within two days of an ER visit or hospitalization.

## SHORT-ACTING BETA<sub>2</sub>-AGONIST BRONCHODILATORS

relax tight muscles in airways and offer quick relief of symptoms such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath for 3-6 hours



## LONG-ACTING BETA<sub>2</sub>-AGONIST BRONCHODILATORS

in airways and offer lasting relief of symptoms such as coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath for at least 12 hours



## INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS

reduce and prevent swelling of airway tissue; they do not relieve sudden symptoms of coughing, wheezing or shortness of breath

