

# Going to hospital because of an asthma attack

Information leaflet for young  
people aged 16+ years



**Within 1 hour of arriving at hospital, you should receive medicine (steroids) for your asthma (unless you had them before you came).**

## Before you leave hospital, your doctor or nurse should:



check your  
inhaler  
technique



give you a  
new asthma  
plan or update  
your old one



check if you  
or anyone in  
your household  
smokes



request a follow-up  
appointment for  
you in an asthma  
clinic within 4 weeks  
of leaving hospital.

**It's OK to remind your doctor or nurse if something has been missed and to ask questions if you are unsure.**

**Hospitals are aware of the National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme and are working hard to make sure that these standards of care are met for all children and young people that come to hospital with an asthma attack.**

## 7 steps for healthy lungs:

- 1** Eat a healthy diet
- 2** Do not smoke
- 3** Drink lots of water
- 4** Make sure your posture is good
- 5** Avoid allergens, such as house plants
- 6** Get plenty of fresh air
- 7** Get plenty of exercise, such as playing sport or going for walks.



## Further information and support

**Asthma + Lung UK**

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**NHS website**

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/asthma/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/asthma/)

**Want to get involved in making  
a difference to asthma services?**

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