

Child Care Providers Responsibility Checklist

The following is a summary of the responsibilities of child care providers to create an asthma friendly child care centre:

- Know which children have asthma and/or use asthma medication.
 - Distribute the Child Asthma Information Package to parents/guardians of children with asthma.
 - Ensure each parent/guardian of a child with asthma completes and returns the forms included in the Asthma Information Package.
 - Meet with each parent/guardian of a child with asthma to review their completed forms from the Asthma Information Package.
 - Post/keep a copy of the Child Asthma Management Plan for each child with asthma in the classroom to provide easy access for those working in the classroom.
 - Ensure children with asthma have easy access to their asthma medication at all times, including on child care centre field trips.
 - For children who are not allowed to carry their inhaler, keep the inhaler medication in the classroom for easy access.
 - Know which children require assistance to use their inhaler.
 - Feel comfortable with your ability to assist a child with asthma to use an inhaler.
 - Know how to recognize and handle worsening asthma in an asthma emergency.
 - Display the Ontario Lung Association's Managing Asthma Attacks poster in each classroom.
 - Review the steps to take if a child is experiencing worsening asthma.
 - Inform parents/guardians when children have signs of worsening asthma while under your care.
 - Know the asthma triggers for children in your class, which are identified on their Child Asthma Management Form.
 - Take action to reduce exposure to asthma triggers whenever possible.
 - Encourage children with asthma to participate in all activities to the best of their abilities.
 - Understand how to handle symptoms associated with exercise-induced asthma.
 - Notify parents/guardians well in advance of trips and identify activities involved.
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