## IF YOU ARE GETTING WORSE

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

▲ Wheeze and cough getting worse
 ▲ Feeling out of breath
 ▲ Using Reliever more than usual

#### WHAT TO DO

 Take 1 Reliever inhalation from your MART inhaler whenever needed for asthma symptoms (wait 1-3 minutes between inhalations)
 Continue Maintenance inhalations
 Contact your GP if using more than 6 Reliever MART inhalations per day for 2-3 days and see your doctor the same day if needing more than 12 MART inhalations in total per day

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

▲ Needing Reliever inhalations
 ▲ Coughing and wheezing
 ▲ Coughing and waking at night

#### WHAT TO DO

 Give 1 Reliever inhalation from MART inhaler whenever needed for asthma symptoms (wait 1-3 minutes between inhalations)
 Continue Maintenance inhalations

## WHEN YOU ARE WELL

1 Know your triggers

- 2 Have your MART inhaler with you always
- 3 Monitor Reliever inhalation use and symptoms
- Make sure you take your Maintenance inhalations
  regularly as prescribed

## IF YOU ARE HAVING A SEVERE ATTACK

#### WARNING SIGNS

- ▲ Exhausted by cough & wheeze or breathing hard
- ▲ Colour change (blue/pale/grey)
- ▲ Too breathless to speak
- ▲ Using rib or neck muscles to breathe or flaring nostrils
  - ▲ Not feeling better after 6 Reliever inhalations of MART inhaler

THIS IS LIFE THREATENING: CALL 999 OR GO TO AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NOW!

#### WHILST WAITING FOR HELP Sit up

- Take 6 Reliever inhalations from your MART inhaler
  - 3 Keep taking your MART inhaler as needed

### AS YOU GET BETTER

- ▲ Take 1 Reliever inhalation from your MART inhaler whenever needed for asthma symptoms
- If 6 inhalations don't control symptoms or you need more than 12 inhalations in a day go urgently to your GP or Emergency Department
  Arrange a review with your GP 48 hours after an attack
- ▲ You should have a full asthma review in 4 weeks

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## **My Treatments**

Maintenance And Reliever Therapy (MART)

**MART** inhaler:

Maintenance dose 0/1/2 inhalation(s) once/twice a day

Maximum daily inhalations:

Other medications:

**Return empty/old inhalers to a pharmacy** 

▲ Remember to ask for a GP review if you are having lots of mild attacks

# **My Asthma Plan**



My triggers are:		avoid my triggers by:		e Reliever inhalations n my MART inhaler before exercise Yes No
My Contacts	Asthma Nurse	Hospital Specialist	GP Annual review	date Smoking cessation advice is available at
Useful websites:	www.asthma.org.uk	www.beatasth	ma.co.uk	www.uk-air.defra.gov.uk/forecasting/
My name is :			<b></b>	ced
			Keep a paper copy for ho	me and school or share a photo of this plan on your phone