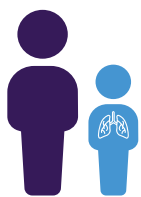


ASTHMA IN CHILDREN



ASTHMA HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON CHILDREN



MORE THAN
460,000

AUSTRALIANS
UNDER THE AGE OF 14
HAVE ASTHMA

(10.1%)¹



ASTHMA IS THE
**LEADING
CAUSE**

of burden of disease for
Australians aged 5-14 years
and is a **common cause of
school absenteeism**
due to chronic illness³



42%

of Australians aged 0-14
with asthma had to take
time off school in 2014/15
due to their asthma⁴



66%

of people aged 0-14 have a
written Asthma Action Plan²



The Asthma Australia Bushfire
Impact Survey showed that children
and young people with asthma were
significantly impacted by bushfire
smoke during the Black Summer
bushfire events of 2019/2020⁵



They were **twice as likely** to report
attending the Emergency Department or
being hospitalised for asthma symptoms



43% of children aged 0 – 17
reported being absent from work or school

For more information on asthma in children, call **1800 ASTHMA** (1800 278 462)
and speak with an Asthma Educator or visit asthma.org.au/asthma-in-children



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