

ASTHMA FIRST AID



Dual Purpose Reliever

Rilast Rapihaler 100/3, Symbicort Rapihaler 50/3, 100/3



DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000) FOR AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY IF THE PERSON:

- is not breathing
- suddenly becomes worse or is not improving
- is having an asthma attack and a reliever is not available
- is unsure if it is asthma
- **has a known allergy to food, insects or medication and has SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY, GIVE ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTOR FIRST (if available)**

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SIT THE PERSON UPRIGHT

- Be calm and reassuring
- Do not leave them alone

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GIVE 4 PUFFS OF RILAST OR SYMBICORT

- Shake puffer
- Put 1 puff into spacer
- Take 4 breaths from spacer
 - Repeat until 4 separate puffs have been taken

If you don't have a spacer handy in an emergency, take 1 puff as you take 1 slow, deep breath and hold breath for as long as comfortable. **Repeat** until all puffs are given

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WAIT 4 MINUTES

- If breathing does not return to normal, give 4 more puffs of **Rilast** or **Symbicort** through a spacer

IF BREATHING DOES NOT RETURN TO NORMAL

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DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000)

- Say 'ambulance' and that someone is having an asthma attack
- Give 4 more puffs of **Rilast** or **Symbicort** through a spacer every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives
 - Don't wait 4 minutes if symptoms are severe. Keep repeating every few minutes until ambulance arrives