Australian Asthma Handbook

### National Asthma Week

1-7 September 2025

## 2.8 million people or 11% of the population has asthma

# 1 in 9 Australians have asthma

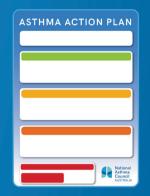


Emergency department visits for asthma in a year

Asthma contributes 35% of the total disease burden from all respiratory conditions



Asthma was the leading cause of total disease burden in children aged 1-9 years old



Only 32% of people with asthma have an asthma action plan

## 27% of people under 40

have poor asthma control based on their medication use

Up to 94% of patients do not use their inhaler device correctly

#### References

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#### National Asthma Council Australia

The leading national authority for asthma knowledge, setting the standard for asthma care.

The National Asthma Council Australia develops essential asthma resources for health professionals and patients, including information papers, first aid and medication charts, asthma action plans and consumer fact sheets.

Our Sensitive Choice program empowers people to live better with asthma and allergies. Visit nationalasthma.org.au and sensitivechoice.com.



