Asthma First Aid

1

Sit the person upright

- Be calm and reassuring
- Do not leave them alone



2

Give medication

- Shake the blue reliever puffer*
- Use a spacer if you have one
- Give 4 separate puffs into the spacer
- Take 4 breaths from the spacer after each puff

*You can use a Bricanyl Turbuhaler if you do not have access to a puffer and spacer

Giving blue reliever medication to someone who doesn't have asthma is unlikely to harm them



3

Wait 4 minutes

— If there is no improvement, repeat step 2



4

If there is still no improvement call emergency assistance (DIAL 000)

- Tell the operator the person is having an asthma attack
- Keep giving 4 puffs every 4 minutes while you wait for emergency assistance



Call emergency assistance immediately (DIAL 000) if the person's asthma suddenly becomes worse

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