

# MANAGEMENT OF ASTHMA



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THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO SAFELY ASSIST A PERSON SUFFERING AN ASTHMA ATTACK, UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. IT INCLUDES THE USE OF A PUFFER AND SPACER. THIS COURSE IS IDEAL FOR ALL PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND PROVIDES FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO ANYONE WORKING WITH CHILDREN.

Course Code:	22282VIC
Course Title:	Course in the Management of Asthma Risks and Emergencies in the Workplace
Course Currency Status:	Current
Certification issued:	Statement of Attainment: 22282VIC Course in the Management of Asthma Risks and Emergencies in the Workplace
Certificate valid:	3 years. Due to industry requirements, first aid workers need to be able to demonstrate current competency every 36 months.
Mode of Delivery:	Blended learning: Face-to-face in classroom environment and pre-learning
Duration:	2 hours for face-to-face (excluding rest/meal break)  Estimated time to complete pre-learning: 1 to 2 hours depending on student skill level. Workbook exercises and theory component of the assessment makes up the pre-course homework that is required to be completed prior to attending.
Assessments:	Written, practical and scenario-based assessments.
Who should attend:	All businesses in Australia have to provide a safe workplace for all employees, visitors & contractors. This course is ideal for meeting those obligations in case of accident or injury to anyone on your premises. The general nature of this course will satisfy nearly all workplaces, including childcare centres, job sites, the office environment and at home.
Prerequisites:	Although there are no prerequisites for undertaking this course, please note that all pre-course homework <b>must</b> be completed prior to attending.  Note that the Learner will need to meet the required ACSF levels and Foundation Skills requirements to successfully complete the course.
Unit/s:	VU21658 Manage asthma risks and emergencies in the workplace

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## VU21658 Manage asthma risks and emergencies in the workplace;

Elements:            Develop a risk minimisation and emergency management plan for an asthma

- Individuals at risk are identified and their individual Asthma Action Plans obtained
- Risk assessment and emergency management strategies are developed within the workplace context for individuals identified with asthma and for those who may present with asthma-like signs/symptoms
- A communication plan to raise awareness of asthma and its first aid management is established and implemented
- The effectiveness of the Workplace Asthma Emergency Management strategies is reviewed regularly

### Assess emergency asthma situations

- Physical hazards are identified and removed according to established first aid principles and procedures
- Risks to first aider and others are identified and appropriate response is determined
- Casualty's physical condition is evaluated and the signs and symptoms of an asthma episode are recognised and responded to
- Appropriate response is determined to ensure prompt control of the situation

### Apply the appropriate first aid procedures for an asthma episode

- Casualty is reassured in a caring and calm manner and made comfortable using available resources
- Resources and equipment appropriate for the situation are identified, accessed and assessed
- Appropriate emergency action for an asthma episode is provided in response to the severity of the casualty's symptoms, in accordance with their personal Asthma Action Plan and/or the organisation's Workplace Asthma Emergency Management Plan
- Casualty's condition is monitored, in accordance with first aid principles and procedures

### Communicate details of emergency asthma incidents

- Suitable emergency assistance is requested using appropriate communication media or equipment, where applicable
- Details of casualty's condition and asthma management activities are accurately conveyed to emergency services/relieving personnel
- Documentation is completed in a timely manner, presenting all relevant facts according to established workplace procedures

### Evaluate responses to asthma emergencies

- Workplace debriefing policies/procedures relating to emergency asthma incidents are followed
- The workplace's response to the emergency incident is assessed in accordance with workplace policies and procedures
- Recommendations for changes to the risk management strategy are made, where applicable
- Changes to the workplace's Asthma Emergency Management Plan are clarified and communicated to relevant parties, where applicable
- Casualty is advised to consult with their physician to discuss the appropriateness of their Asthma Action Plan, or to develop such a plan, as a result of the emergency response.