

First Aid for Anaphylaxis

SIGNS OF MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Hives or welts
- Tingling mouth
- Abdominal pain, vomiting (these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy)

ACTION FOR MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- For insect allergy - flick out sting if visible
- For tick allergy - seek medical help or freeze tick and let it drop off
- Stay with person and call for help
- Locate adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjector
- Phone family/emergency contact

Mild to moderate allergic reactions (such as hives or swelling) **may not always** occur before anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction)

WATCH FOR ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SIGNS OF ANAPHYLAXIS

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)

ACTION FOR ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION)

1 Lay person flat

Do NOT allow them to stand or walk

If unconscious, place in recovery position

If breathing is difficult allow them to sit

2 Give adrenaline autoinjector

3 Phone ambulance - 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)

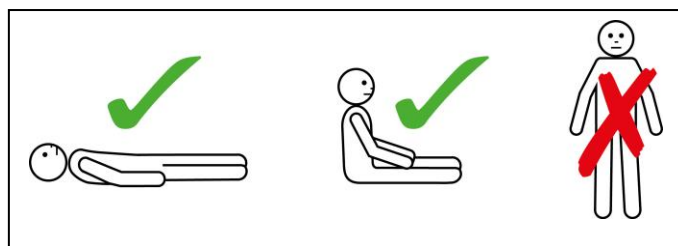
4 Phone family/emergency contact

5 Further adrenaline doses may be given if no response after 5 minutes

6 Transfer person to hospital for at least 4 hours of observation

If in doubt give adrenaline autoinjector

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally



ALWAYS give adrenaline autoinjector **FIRST**, and then asthma reliever puffer

if someone with known asthma and allergy to food, insects or medication has **SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY** (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice) even if there are no skin symptoms

If an adrenaline autoinjector is injected accidentally **seek medical help** and phone your local Poisons Information Centre