



## Stay active, keep fit with asthma

Did you know that several of Canada's Olympic athletes have asthma and can still successfully compete in their sports? Having asthma doesn't mean you can't exercise, but people with asthma are often afraid of experiencing exercise-induced flare ups. This can result in tightening of the airways and shortness of breath.

Follow these five tips to help prevent shortness of breath when exercising:

1. Develop a written asthma action plan with your doctor. This will map out how to adjust your treatment based on how well your asthma is under control. An asthma action plan is available for download at [www.on.lung.ca](http://www.on.lung.ca).

2. Warm up before exercise and cool down afterward. This includes stretching and starting at a slower pace.

3. If you typically experience asthma symptoms from exercising, take your reliever inhaler 5-10 minutes before starting.

4. Cover your nose and mouth with a scarf when exercising outdoors in cold weather.

5. Move your work-out inside if air pollution or cold winter air aggravates your asthma when you exercise. Recreational swimming is especially suited for people with asthma because indoor pools have warm, moist environments. Some people are bothered by pool chemicals. However, the benefits of swimming generally outweigh the risks.

If symptoms such as coughing or wheezing continue, your asthma may not be well controlled. Speak with your doctor to learn more about leading an active, healthy lifestyle with asthma.

The Lung Association's Asthma Action Helpline is available toll-free at 1-888-344-LUNG (5864) or online at [www.on.lung.ca](http://www.on.lung.ca).

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## Employee Appreciation Day February 24, 2010



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