



Use of this Manual

This manual has been developed to help school personnel understand the basics of asthma and to offer reasonable steps toward promoting an environment where children with asthma can be healthy, happy and active.

It is not intended to replace the services of a licensed medical professional or to be a substitute for the medical advice of physicians. The user should suggest the child's parent/guardian consult a physician in all matters relating to the child's health, and particularly in respect to any symptoms that may require diagnosis or medical attention.

USERS SHOULD ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT:

- **School staff that perform duties typically delegated to licensed health care personnel should be trained and evaluated in order to meet state/district policies, standards, guidelines and regulations.**
- **Non-medical personnel must be trained to administer medications properly and be overseen by an RN who has evaluated their ability to perform those tasks safely and accurately.**
- **Performing these duties without proper training, licensure and supervision can put the individual as well as administrators and the school district at legal risk.**
- **You should ALWAYS check school district policies and procedures and provide care according to your licensure, position and district policies.**

For questions regarding regulations, guidelines and state policies, please see the MDH Coordinated School Health Website: <http://www.mnschoolhealth.com/index2.html> or contact Cheryl Smoot MDH State School Health Consultant at: 651-281-0061 or email: Cheryl.Smoot@state.mn.us