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Asthma Triggers

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Triggers	Ways to Avoid Triggers
Secondhand Smoke	 Do not allow smoking in the home. Place "No Smoking" signs in your home. Do not smoke or allow smoking in the car. Get help to quit – PA Quitline 877-724-1090. NJ Quitline 866-657-8677. DE Quitline 866-409-1858. Freedom From Smoking website. (www.ffsonline.org)
Dust Mites	 Cover mattresses and pillows in dust-proof zippered covers. Wash sheets and blankets once a week in hot water. Choose washable stuffed toys for children and wash them often and in hot water. Keep stuffed toys off beds.
Pet Dander	 Consider keeping pets outdoors or even finding a new home for your pet. Keep pets out of the bedroom and other sleeping areas at all times. Put cloth over heat vents to the child's room. Keep pets away from fabric-covered furniture. Wipe down furniture weekly.
Pests (Cockroaches)	 Do not leave food out – store in airtight containers. Empty garbage everyday. Clean all food crumbs or spilled liquids immediately. Use roach bait to trap roaches. If spray is necessary, be sure to spray when child is not at home; air out the room for several hours.
Mold	 Wash mold off hard surfaces and dry completely. Wash the shower walls and shower curtain with bleach at least once a month. Fix leaky plumbing or other sources of water. Keep plants out of the child's bedroom. If possible use a dehumidifier in the home.

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