

# ASTHMA AND THE ENVIRONMENT

## CONTACT LISTING

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Below are contact listings to obtain information and resources that communities can use in their initiatives to improve environmental conditions that can exacerbate asthma. This listing was adapted from those compiled by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Asthma Control Program.

### NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL RESOURCES

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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) New England** Environmental programs, resources and information that address asthma and the outdoor and indoor environments. 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100; Boston MA 02114-2023  
Customer Call Center New England States: (888) 372-7341  
<http://www.epa.gov/region1/>

- **EPA Human Health and Asthma:**  
<http://www.epa.gov/eftpages/humahealthasthma.html>
- **EPA Asthma and Indoor Environments.** Provides general facts about asthma, current research, Tools for Schools, an asthma quiz, and special resources just for kids. There are links to the EPA's asthma partners and other on-line resources.  
EPA's Indoor Air Quality Hotline: 1-800-438-4318  
<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/asthma.html>
- **EPA Tools for Schools:** Contact the Indoor Air Quality Hotline above for free Tools for Schools Toolkits, or visit:  
<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/tfs/guidtoc.html>
- **Asthma Educational Public Service Announcements available:**  
<http://www.epa.gov/asthma/psa.html>
- **Parent Educational resources:** <http://www.noattacks.org/>

**New England Asthma Regional Council (ARC).** A collaboration of health, housing, education, and environmental organizations working to reduce the impact of asthma on children and families across New England. Asthma Regional Council, The Medical Foundation; 622 Washington Street, 2nd Floor; Dorchester, MA 02124; Phone: 617-451-0049 ext.504  
<http://www.asthmaregionalcouncil.org>

**Asthma & Allergy Foundation Of America / New England Chapter** An organization dedicated to improving the life for people with asthma and allergies. Provides a checklist for asthma in daycare settings. 220 Boylston Street; Chestnut Hill, MA 02467; Toll free: 1-877-2-ASTHMA  
<http://www.asthmaandallergies.org>

**The Lung Association's International Centre for Air Quality and Health**  
A Partnership of the Lung Associations in Eastern Canada and New England.  
Contact nblung@nbnet.nb.ca; <http://www.nb.lung.ca>

**NE Rural Health Roundtable** Organizations, health and human service providers, interested individuals, and government agencies and bureaus from across the New England states seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of communities throughout rural New England. 210 North State Street; Concord, NH 03301; Phone: 603-573-3377  
<http://www.newenglandruralhealth.org/contact.htm>

## **NATIONAL RESOURCES**

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**U.S. EPA** (see Regional Resources)

**The Asthma Health Outcomes Project (AHOP)** A project of Allies Against Asthma, conducted under a cooperative agreement with the EPA. AHOP will identify successful asthma programs that may be replicable, analyze factors that contribute to their success, and report on best practices.  
<http://www.asthma.umich.edu/ahop.html>

**National Institute of Environmental Health Science:**  
The Environmental Health Clearinghouse provides substantive information and key documents on a variety of environmental health issues.  
<http://infoventures.com/e-hlth/>

**National Center for Environmental Health.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Provides links to organizations and agencies that have asthma programs. The resources provided through this site are extensive and targeted at a wide range of audiences. <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution/links.htm>

**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)** Resources and information on asthma and other diseases for the public, patients, health professionals and researchers, including National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Guidelines. NHLBI

Health Information Center; P.O. Box 30105; Bethesda, MD 20824-0105; Phone: 301 592 8573

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/index.htm>

- **National Asthma Education and Prevention Program**  
<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/naepp/index.htm>
- **NHLBI Asthma Guidelines for Treatment and Management**  
<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/asthgdln.htm>
- **NAEPP Coalition Contract Awardees** Contacts and information on asthma coalitions and their initiatives.  
[http://hin.nhlbi.nih.gov/ast\\_maps/awardee.html](http://hin.nhlbi.nih.gov/ast_maps/awardee.html)
- **Action Against Asthma:** A Strategic Plan for the Department of Health and Human Services, includes President's Task Force report on Asthma and the Environment <http://aspe.hhs.gov/sp/asthma/>

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** Information and resources on occupational factors in asthma. J.C. Cleveland Federal Bldg.; 55 Pleasant St., Room 3901; Concord, NH 03301. National Hotline: 1-800-321-OSHA (6742); TTY 1-877-889-5627; <http://www.osha.gov/>

**National Library of Medicine** Useful resources on asthma and a broad range of environmental health topics (<http://nlm.nih.gov>)

- **Tox Town** An introduction to environmental health in a town or urban setting. Provides links to environmental health information as users explore the sample community. Learn about a range of topics such as: asthma, indoor and outdoor air pollution, and healthy buildings.
- **Household Products Database** Learn about the hazards of specific products used in the home, such as cleaners and pesticides, by brand name or use.
- **HazMap** Provides information on occupational health. Details the health risks that may occur for those working in specific jobs and their related tasks.
- **MedlinePlus and Medline** Health information for the general public and researchers that have been reviewed by experts for accuracy. Includes resources on specific diseases or symptoms that can be affected by the environment, such as asthma and lung health, and information on topics such as air pollution.