





# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AIR QUALITY TRIGGERS AND ASTHMA

90%
THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF TIME

PEOPLE SPEND INDOORS

### COMMON INDOOR ASTHMA TRIGGERS

- HOUSE DUST
- MOLDS
- PET DANDER
- COCKROACHES
- SMOKING AND SECONDHAND SMOKE
- STRONG SMELLS
- INFECTIONS
- FOOD AND MEDICINE ALLERGIES
- STRENUOUS EXERCISE
- STRESS AND STRONG EMOTIONS
- · HEARTBURN AND REFLUX

INDOOR AIR QUALITY CAN BE 5X WORSE THAN OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY



4 Million

LOST WORK DAYS PER YEAR AMONG AMERICANS DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ALLERGIES



50%

LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING ENVIRONMENTAL ALLERGIES IF ONE PARENT HAS THEM

### COMMON OUTDOOR ASTHMA TRIGGERS

- TREE, WEED, AND GRASS POLLENS
- MOLD
- . AIR POLLUTION
- . SMOKE
- CAR EXHAUST
- WEATHER



75%

LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING ENVIRONMENTAL ALLERGIES IF BOTH PARENTS HAVE THEM

## YOU CAN CONTROL TRIGGERS

### KEEP POLLUTION OUT

- MAKE YOUR HOME SMOKE FREE
- KEEP HUMIDITY LEVELS LOW
- FIX LEAKS AND DRIPS TO PREVENT MOLD
- DON'T USE SCENTED CANDLES OR AIR FRESHENERS
- USE LESS-TOXIC CLEANING AND HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS
- DON'T STORE HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL INSIDE
- USE HARD SURFACE FLOORING AND DUST TWICE A
  WEEK TO KEEP DUST LEVELS DOWN

#### VENTILATE WITH CLEAN AIR

- USE EXHAUST FANS IN BATHROOMS
- MAKE SURE GAS APPLIANCES VENT OUTDOORS
- INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
- OPEN WINDOWS WHEN YOU PAINT OR USE CHEMICALS
- MAKE SURE AIR VENTS ARE NOT BLOCKED
- HAVE APPLIANCES INSPECTED AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR