

# PROTOCOLS FOR PARENTS - LIFE SAVING MEDICATIONS

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## INTRODUCTION

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It usually occurs rapidly after exposure to a food, insect or medicine to which a person may already be allergic. Anaphylaxis must always be treated as a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment with adrenaline.

## PROTOCOLS

- A.** As a parent of a child whose life may be at risk from an allergic reaction it is your responsibility to:
- provide a current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis completed and signed by your child's treating doctor
  - provide a current adrenaline autoinjector (EpiPen) to the school
  - assist in the development of an Individual Health Care Plan or Risk Minimisation Plan
  - educate your child about how to avoid known allergens and why it is important. Remind them that if they feel sick, they should immediately tell someone nearby, such as a teacher or other adult.
- B.** In order for the school to responsibly and appropriately assist in the care of your daughter the school will:
1. Train staff in awareness, management, recognition and emergency treatment for anaphylaxis
  2. Implement strategies to minimise risk of accidental exposure to known allergens, including special events such as excursions.
  3. Provide appropriate storage of adrenaline autoinjectors with an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis in an easily accessible and known location

### PLEASE NOTE:

- The school will notify you if the supplied autoinjector is reaching its use-by date. You will be asked to supply a new, current autoinjector.
- If you do not supply a new autoinjector in a timely manner the school will purchase one which will be costed to your daughter's account.