The correct use of your Adrenaline Auto-Injector (AAI)

Recognise the signs of anaphylaxis



Swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways. (Tightening of the throat, hoarse voice, difficulty swallowing).



Sudden onset wheezing, breathing difficulty, noisy breathing.



Dizziness, feeling faint, sudden sleepiness, tiredness, confusion, pale clammy skin, loss of consciousness.

Don't delay



If you have any signs of anaphylaxis, use your AAI immediately. If in doubt, use it. Don't delay. Then dial 999 straight away.

What to do in an emergency



Use your AAI without delay.



Immediately dial 999 say anaphylaxis. ("ana-fill-axis")



then do so. (see positioning below)

If you are not already lying down,



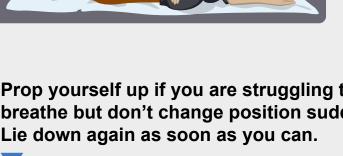
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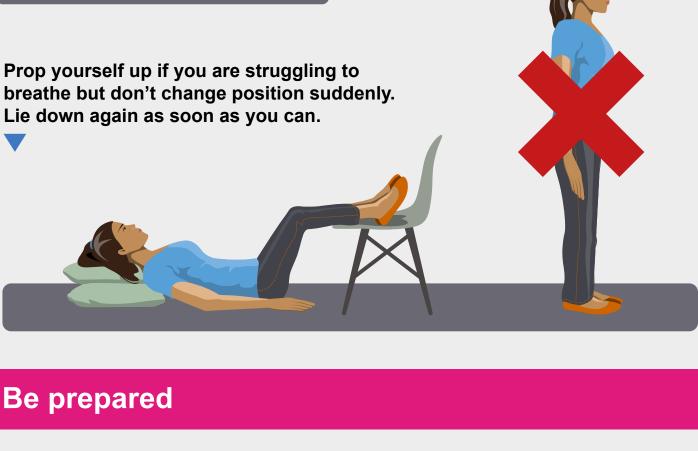
Use your second AAI if you haven't

Lie down flat and raise your legs.

Correct positioning







There are 3 different types of AAI.



Always carry 2 in-date AAIs with you.

Know how to use yours.



regularly and replace AAIs before they expire.

Check the expiry dates

Follow the instructions.

Report a problem/fault

Keep defective AAIs for investigation.

Report any suspected defective AAIs to the MHRA Yellow Card scheme.



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