# Asthma & Disability

Asthma is a lung disease that makes it harder to breathe, causing your chest to become tight with wheezing and coughing and feelings of tiredness. Asthma can be controlled with medicine and avoiding triggers that can cause an attack. Here are some considerations for asthma and disability that can help you treat \_\_\_\_\_asthma and breathe easier.



Normal **Bronchial Tube** 



Inflamed Bronchial Tube in Asthma



Inflamed Bronchial Tube During an Attack

#### **TRIGGERS**



Mold



Smoking



Pets & Pests





Stress



Dust



Pollution



Cold Air



Household Cleaners

Disabled people are almost 2 TIMES more likely to have ASTHMA



Activity

**KEY** With a disability Without a disability

## Health in Kentucky



**32.9**% of people with disabilities are **SMOKERS** 17% of people without a disability

Kentucky

Inclusive

Health

### **Ever had COPD**

(Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)



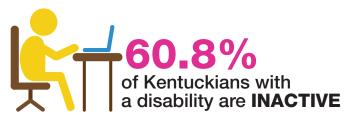
without disability disability



than people without a disability.



**8.6** % without disability



(CDC, 2019-2020)

16.9 % with disability

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