

Cough

**EMERGENCY:
CALL 911 IF**

- You have trouble breathing.
- You have chest pain.



When to seek **professional** help

- Your temperature is very high (over 39°C) and is not going down despite taking medication.
- You have been coughing for several days despite at-home care.
- You have spots on your skin and an unusual cough that sounds like barking.
- You are coughing up blood.
- You have pain when you cough.
- You are tired or weak.

How to get help

- 24/7, dial 811
- Call your pharmacist
- Call your CLSC
- Call your clinic to make an appointment
- If you do not have a doctor, dial 811 *option 3*

This booklet is not intended to replace the advice of a medical professional, nor is it intended to be a substitute for medical care.

Coughing is a reflex and the body's way of clearing irritants or congestion.

What to do at home



Rest: Rest as much as possible.



Hydration: Drink water, herbal tea or broth.



Nose: If congested, do a nasal rinse. Use a saltwater solution purchased from the pharmacy or a homemade solution: 4 cups of water, 2 teaspoons of salt and ½ teaspoon of baking soda.



Medication: Speak to your pharmacist to make sure you are buying the products that are right for you.



Sleep: Sleep with your head slightly elevated.



Distance: To reduce the risk of making others sick, keep your distance or wear a mask.