## NATIONAL ASTHMA AND **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

Cockroaches are one of the most notorious pests for triggering asthma attacks and allergic reactions in people. Children living in urban neighborhoods are especially susceptible.

23% to 60% of urban residents with asthma are sensitive to cockroach allergens.

Asthma is the most common chronic condition among children, currently affecting an estimated 6.1 million children under 18 years.

Asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalizations among children 15 or younger.

Cockroaches contain a protein that is concentrated in their fecal matter, saliva, and in fragments of their body parts. When this protein becomes airborne, it can trigger allergic reactions and asthma attacks.

A female German cockroach can produce over 30,000 baby cockroaches in one year.



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