7 Safe & Easy Chair Yoga Poses for Asthma Relief

These can be done daily in under 15 minutes. Focus on *slow, relaxed breathing* through the nose.

1. Seated Mountain + Deep Breathing

How to do it:

- Sit tall, feet flat, hands on thighs
- Inhale deeply, lifting chest slightly
- Exhale slowly, relaxing shoulders
- Repeat for 5 breaths

Benefit: Grounds the body and begins breath control.

2. Chair Cat-Cow Stretch

How to do it:

- Place hands on knees
- Inhale, arch your back and look up (Cow)
- Exhale, round your spine and tuck chin (Cat)
- Repeat for 5–8 rounds

Benefit: Improves posture and spinal flexibility for better breathing.

3. Seated Side Stretch

How to do it:

- Raise right arm, lean to the left
- Breathe into the open side
- Hold for 3–5 breaths, switch sides

Benefit: Expands ribcage, stretches intercostal muscles (between ribs).

4. Chest Opener with Clasped Hands

How to do it:

- Clasp hands behind your back or grab chair sides
- Inhale and gently open chest
- Exhale slowly
- Repeat for 5 rounds

Benefit: Improves lung capacity by opening the front body.

5. Seated Forward Fold (Modified)

How to do it:

- Sit at edge of chair
- Slowly fold forward with arms resting on knees
- Breathe deeply for 5–7 breaths

Benefit: Calms nervous system and eases tension in chest.

6. Box Breathing (Pranayama)

How to do it:

- Inhale for 4 seconds
- Hold breath for 4 seconds
- Exhale for 4 seconds
- Hold again for 4 seconds
- Repeat for 5 cycles

Benefit: Calms the mind, reduces panic, improves breathing rhythm.

7. Humming Bee Breath (Bhramari)

How to do it:

- Sit tall, close eyes
- Inhale deeply
- Exhale while making a gentle "mmm" humming sound
- Repeat 5-7 times

Benefit: Vibrations soothe airways, reduce anxiety, and clear nasal passages.