



Facilitator Guide: Keeping Medicines Safe Game

AT A GLANCE

Participants play a game that emphasizes safe places to store medicine and see how medicine can look very similar to candy. This game can serve as a stand-alone activity or be paired with other elementary toolkit resources to reinforce their key messages.

Medication Safety Rules Emphasized:

1. Ask trusted adults for help with medicine.
2. Only take medicine that is meant for you.
3. **Keep medicine in safe places.**
4. Share what you learn today with family and friends.

ADAPT IT

If technology is limited, consider playing this game using visual aids. Email Generation Rx to access the visual aids.

WHAT YOU DO

1. **Introduce the facilitators.** We encourage you to share your name and one fun fact about yourself.
2. **Complete the activity** by playing the game using the PPT slide deck. The PPT slide deck includes suggested talking points for each question and answer. We encourage you to adapt the talking points as you see fit.
3. **Wrap up the activity** by engaging children in a brief discussion using the listed questions as a guide.

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Suggested Ages

Children in Grades 3-5

Suggested Group Size

25 or fewer children

Time Required

20 – 25 minutes

What you need

- This facilitator guide (print 1 copy/facilitator)
- Keeping Medicine Safe PPT slide deck



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WHAT YOU SAY

1 Introduction

LF Today we are going to discuss medication safety by playing a game. Our game will help us learn about safe places to store medicine. We will work together as one team to play this game.

At this time, consider gathering all the participants and encourage them to sit together on the floor as a large group.

2 Activity

This game is formatted as a PPT presentation. The instructions and talking points for this game are provided within the PPT slide deck. At this time, consult this slide deck to complete the activity.

3 Wrap-Up

When the game concludes, summarize the medication safety rules using the last slide of the game or by working through the questions below.

Q1. Who should we talk with when making choices about medicine?

Trusted adults. Reinforce Medication Safety Rule #1: ask trusted adults for help with medicine.

Q2: Who is it safe to take medicine from?

Trusted adults. Reinforce Medication Safety Rule #1: ask trusted adults for help with medicine.

Q3: How can we work with trusted adults to keep medicine safe in our home?

We can talk with a trusted adult about keeping medicine in its original container, as well as storing medicine in lockable spaces or in high places out of reach from people and pets. Also, we can ask a trusted adult to safely remove medicine from the home when no longer needed. Reinforce Medication Safety Rule #3: keep medicine in safe places.

Q4: Think about something new you learned today. Who is one person you can share this information with?

Reinforce Medication Safety Rule #4: share what you learn with family and friends.