



Facilitator Guide: Medication Safety Trivia Game



AT A GLANCE

Participants play a game that emphasizes all four medication safety rules. 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 re-creating the game board on a whiteboard or chalkboard. On separate sheets of paper, write the question on one side and the answer on the other side. After a category and point value is selected, erase that option from the game board.

Based on the participant's writing skills, they could color the squares on their answer sheets or mark them with a sticker to track their progress.

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 trivia question and answer. Participants can stay engaged by writing answers to each question in their trivia answer sheet.
3. **Wrap up the activity** by engaging children in a brief discussion using the listed questions as a guide.

Suggested Ages
Children in Grades K-2

Suggested Group Size
25 or fewer children

Time Required
15 – 20 minutes

What you need

- This facilitator guide (print 1 copy/facilitator)
- Trivia Answer sheet (print 1 copy/participant)
- Pens, pencils, crayons, or stickers (see “Adapt It”)
- Medication Safety Trivia PPT slide deck



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WHAT YOU SAY

1 Introduction

Today we are going to discuss medication safety by playing a trivia game. Has anyone played trivia before? Trivia is a type of game where teams are asked questions about a topic, and you try to answer those question correctly to earn points. In our game, the topic for all the questions will help us learn how to safely use medicine.

At this time, divide participants into small teams of 4-6 participants/team. Distribute one “Trivia Answer Sheet” to each participant, along with a pencil. If participants are too young to write, encourage them to add stickers to each square or color each square to track their progress.

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 trivia 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: Is it a safe choice to share medicine with others or take someone else’s medicine?

No. Reinforce Medication Safety Rule #2: only take medicine that is meant for you.

Q4: 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, storing medicine in lockable spaces or on high shelves/cabinets, and getting rid of medicine when no longer needed. Reinforce Medication Safety Rule #3: keep medicine in safe places.

Q5: 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.