

12 Weeks to a Safer Medication System: **Week Three**



Take A Stand

Support Medication Safety

Time-critical medications must be given within 30 minutes, or less if specifically indicated, earlier or later than scheduled.

This weeks activity:

- Review your agency's policy on giving medications on time:
 - ❖ Does the policy clearly address time-critical medications?
 - ❖ Is there a system in place to alert caregivers when a resident has a time-critical medication?
 - ❖ Does the caregiver know who they report to if unable to administer medications on time and what to do if medications are not administered on time?
- Review time-critical medications with your staff.

For more information on the Six Rights and Three Checks go to:
<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx>

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