

Take A Stand

Support Medication Safety



We invite you to be a partner in our quality improvement campaign targeting medication administration in DHS licensed or certified settings. We have developed resources for all caregivers providing care to DHS clients in any setting. We encourage you to participate and join us in protecting our clients.

Why is this important?

The Institute of Safe Medication Practices reported that in a single year 9 million individuals were hospitalized and another 18 million individuals were treated in the emergency room due to medication errors.

In addition to medical costs and human suffering associated with medication errors there are other costs related to medication administration rule violations. Rule violations specific to medication errors are commonly encountered in DHS licensed or certified settings. **Most of these rule violations can be prevented by implementing a few basic steps saving the licensed or certified setting time and money.**

Here's what you can do:

- Train staff before they work with medications;
- Everybody gets into bad habits offer refresher training to staff at least annually;
- Use the Safe Medication website:
www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx
- Share the website with staff and others; and
- Allow staff to talk about potential barriers – *join in the medication safety conversation!*

It Matters – Take Control of Medication Administration