

Medication Safety Program



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Today your child earned his or her "Medication Safety Patrol" badge! After participating in a variety of educational activities, he or she should now better understand key medicine safety principles including:

- Only take medicine with the permission of a parent or guardian.
- Do not share medication or take someone else's medication.
- Keep medications in their original containers to avoid confusion with candy or other medicines.
- Always store medicines in a safe place, such as a locked cabinet or a high shelf that children can't reach.

The activities in which your child participated are part of an educational toolkit created by The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy and the Cardinal Health Foundation. Because prescription and over-the-counter medicines are typically accessible and visible in our homes, we believe children should understand prescription and over-the-counter medication safety at an early age. We hope that this knowledge will equip them with a solid foundation of how to properly take medicines, particularly before they reach the teenage and adult years.

Research shows that an individual's risk of misusing prescription medications increases as they reach middle and high school. Please keep in mind that there are actions that you can take to help prevent your child from engaging in this dangerous behavior, including:

- Talk to your child about how to safely use, store, and dispose of medication.
- Secure your medicines in a locked medicine cabinet.
- Properly dispose of extra medications, or participate in your local community's drug take-back events.

If you would like to review the free materials and/or extend the learning process at home, we encourage you to visit GenerationRx.org.

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