

Medication Safety Basics For Parents



It is really never too early to teach your child about medication safety. Brightly colored medication can look like candy to young children. And, older children can face peer pressure related to a growing issue of prescription drug abuse and misuse by peers...

But, as a parent, **you have the power** to help reduce the risk your child will misuse or abuse medication and prescription drugs - either accidentally...or intentionally. Here's how:

- Keep medications locked and out of reach
- Properly dispose of unused or expired medication
- Monitor your medications - count them regularly
- Talk with your children, at all ages, about being safe

Take the time...they will listen

**3 THINGS TO
TALK WITH
YOUR CHILD
ABOUT
TODAY...**

**Talk to your child about
ONLY taking medication
from a trusted adult...**

01

**Talk to your child about
NEVER sharing medication
or taking someone else's...**

02

**Talk to your child about
how to safely use, store,
and dispose of medication...**

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