

# 12 Weeks to a Safer Medication System: **Week Seven**



## Take A Stand

Support Medication Safety

**Many medications cannot be cut, crushed or chewed. Altering these medications can cause harm. Medications that cannot be altered should be clearly identified on the MAR.**

### **This weeks activity:**

- Review your agency's procedure for identifying when a medication cannot be altered:
  - ❖ Read "Oral Dosage Forms That Should Not Be Crushed" and "List of Tablets You Can't Crush or Chew" found in the Safe Medication Administration Library.
  - ❖ Consider an in-service to discuss why certain medications cannot be altered and how your facility identifies those medications on the MAR.
- Review with staff what to do if a resident chews their medications that should not be chewed.

**For more information go to:**

[www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/licensing/Pages/safe-med-administration.aspx)

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