

Resource

CANDY *OR* MEDICATION

Can you tell which is candy and which is medication? Test your identification skills and learn why it's crucial to differentiate them to prevent accidental health risks.

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CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE?

Medications and candy can often look remarkably similar, posing a significant risk, especially to children who may mistake one for the other. Both can come in appealing colors, shapes, and sizes, making them visually indistinguishable at a glance. This resemblance underscores the importance of being able to differentiate between the two, as ingesting medication by accident can lead to serious health consequences, ranging from mild side effects to severe poisoning. Proper storage, clear labeling, prompt disposal, and education about the differences between medications and candies are critical measures to ensure safety and prevent accidental ingestion.

BEST PRACTICE FOR STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS IS TO:

- Lock up medications
- Keep away from kids and pets
- Know how much is left
- Talk about risks with family and friends
- Get rid of medications when you're done using them

CANDY OR MEDICATION?

A



B



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TAKEAWAYS

ANSWER KEY		
PAGE	A	B
1.	Antacid medication	Wafer candy
2.	Gumdrop candy	Gummy vitamins
3.	Fish oil supplement	Jellybean candy
4.	Red hot candy	Ibuprofen medication
5.	Suboxone medication	Chewing gum candy

SAFE STORAGE + DISPOSAL INITIATIVE

Protecting your family and your community is the [number one reason](#) to safely store and dispose of medications. [Safe storage](#) is easy! When you're finished using your medication, [dispose](#) of it promptly at a [permanent disposal](#) site, bring it to a [Take Back Event](#), or utilize a [home disposal](#) option.

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