TRAINER RESOURCES

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

General Reference Handout

Key Legislation: **Medicines Act 1968 | Mental Capacity Act 2005 | NMC Standards**

KEY STATISTICS

£98 million
Annual cost of medication errors to the NHS

1,700
Deaths per year linked to medication errors in

50%
Of medication errors occur during

80%
Of errors preventable with proper training and double-checking

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the legal framework for medication administration
- Apply the 7 Rights of medication administration
- Recognise common medications and their effects
- Identify and report medication errors and near misses

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1. **Right Patient**
   Verify identity using at least two identifiers — name and date of birth

2. **Right Medication**
   Check medication name carefully — look-alike/sound-alike drugs are common errors

3. **Right Dose**
   Calculate correctly and have it checked — never guess

4. **Right Route**
   Verify route matches prescription — oral, topical, injection