



The Original Food Safety Game

Aim of the Game

To play a fun bingo game in your group while thinking about food safety and hygiene. Hopefully you'll learn some important do's and don'ts about handling food along the way!

What you need

- 1 Beat the Bingo Bug pack
- Pens or pencils to mark the players cards
- Someone to act as the bingo caller
- A group of willing bingo players!

The pack contains

- 30 bingo cards for the players (pair up if there aren't enough for each person in the group).
- 5 calling cards for the bingo caller. Each bingo calling card is colour coded and contains messages on a food hygiene theme. The 5 themes are: choosing food, cooking food, chilling food, cleaning, and preventing cross contamination of germs. Each card contains 20 short messages on one side with related food hygiene descriptions on the other side.
- Fact Sheet: You might like to photocopy this for members of the group to take away and keep.

How to play

The caller cuts along the lines on the 5 calling cards to create 100 messages which should then be put into a 'hat'. The caller randomly selects one and states the short message which appears over a colour coded symbol. The player matches the message and marks it on their bingo card. There is a food hygiene description on the back of each message which the caller should read out also.

Playing the game

Beat the Bingo Bug is similar to playing traditional bingo.
Once the caller and players are prepared and ready...

1. The caller randomly pulls a message from the hat and calls out the colour of the card and the short message. The caller should then turn to the back of the message and read out the more detailed food hygiene description.
2. Players must match the message stated to the same message on their bingo card and mark it.
3. The caller puts the message to one side in order to check against later.
4. Messages are selected one at a time, with food hygiene descriptions read out after each message. The first player to show five consecutive messages marked in a row (either horizontally, vertically or diagonally) calls BINGO!
5. After their card has been checked by the caller against the messages they have called, the player will be declared the winner.
6. The winner could then become the caller for the next game.
7. Players should flip their bingo cards over for another game, if time permits.

The game is designed for everyone to learn about good food hygiene and safety through interaction and fun. The caller should talk about the messages as they are called and encourage discussion among the players.



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