

# STEP 6. Preparation-Risks and Strengths Board Game

Explain the rules of the game in the following steps, referring to the overhead

- (1) All teams will be asked a question, the same question. I will show you the question on the overhead. After you are asked a question, discuss the answer with your team and decide on the correct answer by writing it down. Think quickly, you will have 30 seconds.
- (2) Look at your game board, and you will notice there are RED and GREEN spaces. If your team gets the answer correct you will advance your token on the game board to a GREEN Square. Your team will also get a GREEN poker chip. (Hold up chip and say "This is a strength")
- (3) If your team gets the answer incorrect you will advance your token on the game board to a RED Square. Your team will also get a RED poker chip. (Hold up chip and say "This is a risk").
- (4) I will ask one of the teams to read what it says in the space that you landed on.
- (5) You want to AVOID accumulating RED chips or RISKS as much as possible. One way to do so is by GETTING HELP. Take a look at the very top of your Game Board. You will notice that there are several spaces on the board where you have the opportunity to get help (e.g., after Level 3; 6B; 7F). <u>THERE IS</u> <u>NO PENALTY FOR GETTING HELP.</u> If you choose to get help, someone on your team will roll ONE DIE and read what the DIE tells you to do at the top of the game board.
- (6) You will note that some RED spaces indicate that you have to go for TESTING or to GETTING CAUGHT. If you GET CAUGHT you will look at the bottom of your game board and roll ONE DIE to determine what action to take regarding GETTING CAUGHT.
- (7) Your objective—as your team answers questions and moves from space to space—is to keep a positive balance of STRENGTHS OVER RISKS. That is, make sure you have more GREEN CHIPS than RED CHIPS. Ultimately, you should have no RED CHIPS by the end of the game.

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		DRUG-TESTING
		ting a positive test increases more risks than strengths!
	Count your GREE	N CHIPS (STRENGTHS)
	Count your RED	CHIPS (RISKS) 🔍 🧱
TYPES OF TEST	TOTAL RISK = R	SKS - STRENGTHS
		# OF TOTAL RISKS*
POST-ACCIDENT Refer to TESTING chart & Roll Dice. After the test, Get Help if you wish.		SUM OF DICE 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Random Test Refer to TESTING chart & Roll Dice. Use current # of risks to determine outcome.	Roll Dice to see outcome of testing by using chart	3 4 5 6
	st for motion	7 Test Negative Lose 1 Lose 2 Risks
Reasonable Suspi- cion: Workers share speed pills on a late night shift. A supervi-		8 4 10 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11
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- Note that there are several spaces on the board where a team may be required to go for a drug test. If a team lands on a drug test spot they are required to ROLL TWO DIE and use the chart at the right hand side to determine the outcome of the drug test. The slide above explains how testing works in the context of the Risks & Strengths Game.
- (1) KNOW THE TYPES OF TESTS: There are four types of tests:
  - (1) Post-accident (game space 6B)
  - (2) Random Test (game space 7F and 10B)
  - (3) Reasonable Suspicion (game space 10D and 11F)
  - (4) Test for Promotion (required as the final question after Question 11)

There are also other ways of getting tested (see Getting Caught Die roll 5 and 6 at bottom of board)

- (2) SUBTRACT STRENGTHS FROM RISKS: The grid at the right shows that a teams' chance of getting a POSITIVE TEST depends on the Total Number of Risks when they get tested. As the board indicates "The chance of getting a positive test increases if your group has more risks than strengths." To determine the # of risks, the team should subtract the number of RED CHIPS from the number of GREEN CHIPS and give to the facilitator all the green and red chips that are subtracted. For example, if a team had 5 green chips and 3 red chips, they would turn in the 3 red chips and 3 green chips and would be left with 2 STRENGTHS (5 − 3 = 2 GREEN CHIPS). Thus, they would have NO or ZERO RISKS left and would roll TWO DIE and look at the result on the right hand chart.
- (3) READ THE RESULTS OF THE DIE TOSS: As the chart indicates, a team with 0 or ZERO risks can never get a positive test, but a ROLL of "2" (Snake eyes) shows "Possible Tampering" and the team gains an additional risk. With 1 Risk, a team has two chances of getting a positive test (a roll of "2" or "12"). With 2 or more risks, a team can gain a positive test (a roll of "2" "3" "4" "5" or "6").
- (4) Any team that tests positive Twice for drugs is immediately disqualified from the game
- (5) Every team has to roll the die at the very end of the game to test for promotion.



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Be sure to indicate that teams should get as many strengths (GREEN CHIPS) as possible.

**SUBTRACTING RISKS (red chips) FROM STRENGTHS (green chips):** There are three places on the game board where you can remind participants to determine their tally of risks versus strengths. These occur at the end of ROUND 1 (level 4 or column 4 on the game board); the end of ROUND 2 (level 8), and at the end of the game (Test for Promotion). Overhead # 29 helps you guide participants in assessing their overall level of risk. For example, if a team ends up on Space 3B, they will have answered 2 questions correctly (2 green chips) and 1 question incorrectly (1 red chip). This means that overall they have no risks and 1 strength because 2 green -1 red = 1 green. The message here is that STRENGTHS BALANCE OUT RISKS. You can have teams accumulate all risks and strengths to the end of the game or keep balancing them out by turning in the subtracted green or red chips after ROUND 1 and ROUND 2.

**Note**. The "*Risks & Strengths*" game has some built-in flexibility. Please see the appendix for how to customize the game board and include questions of your own.

**ENDING THE GAME.** How you decide to end the game will depend on how much time you have, what the participants want, and how much fun they are having. Generally, the game ends when, after the last question and answer, all teams test for promotion and the final tally of GREEN CHIPS is taken.

**DETERMINE FINAL TALLY:** Ask each team to subtract the STRENGTHS from RISKS. The team with most STRENGTHS wins.

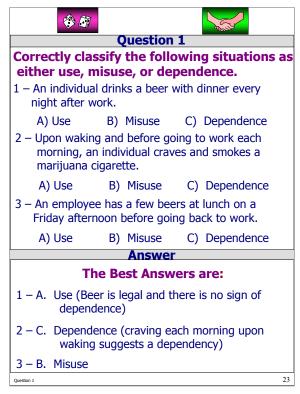
**IN CASE OF TIE:** You have the option of providing participating teams with an extra question to break the tie or you can declare the tying teams as both winners.

**AWARDS/GIFT CERTIFICATES:** We encourage you to provide winning team participants with some sort of award for winning. We have found that participants enjoy a choice of gift certificates from local restaurants, department stores, and movie rental outlets.



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To facilitate team identity and make the game more fun, ask each team to create a creative name for their particular group. Tell them to have fun with this. Write the name on a flip chart. When it is time to call on teams to answer questions you can use their name.



**Note about your role.** Your role when facilitating the actual play of the Risks and Strengths game is more like that of a game show host or radio announcer (think "Bob Barker"). You should become very familiar with the sequence:

#### question-> answer-> game board-> question-> answer-> game board...

and speak clearly but quickly.

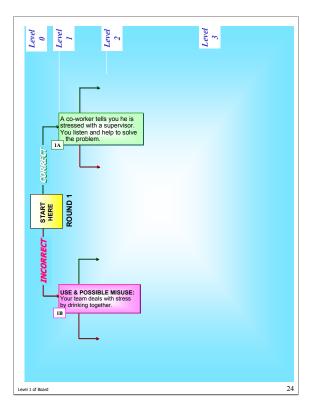
#### Notes about set up.

- Make sure you place all slides in sequence.
- Make sure you have your red and green poker chips.
- Prepare to move very quickly from reading the answer to the question to the next slide showing where participant teams move on the board.

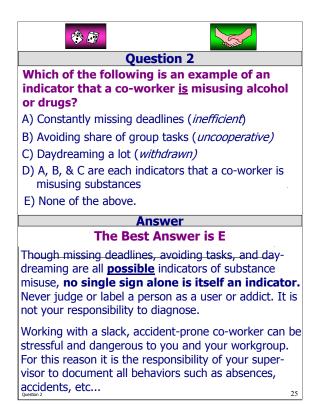
#### Notes about Play.

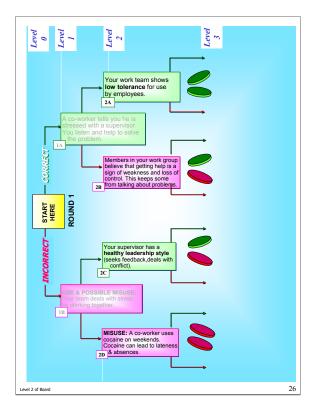
- 1. READ THE QUESTION WHILE HIDING THE ANSWER. After the first question is asked (Slide 23), prepare to ready slide 24.
- 2. GIVE PARTICIPANT TEAMS 30 SECOND TO DISCUSS ANSWER (Some teams take a little longer but try to keep it less than 45 seconds before answers are given).
- 3. ONLY AFTER ALL TEAMS ARE READY, HAVE THEM GIVE THEIR ANSWER.
- 4. SHOW THE ANSWER.
- 5. PASS ON CHIPS ACCORDING TO WHETHER THE ANSWER IS CORRECT (GREEN) OR INCORRECT (RED).
- 6. MOVE TO NEXT OVERHEAD.
- 7. ASK A TEAM THAT RECEIVED THE CORRECT ANSWER TO READ THE GREEN SPACE (1A).. After they read say "that is a strength".
- 8. ASK A TEAM THAT RECEIVED THE INCORRECT ANSWER TO READ THE RED SPACE (1B). After they read say "that is a risk".
- 9. PROCEED TO NEXT QUESTION.

**Point for Answer to Slide 23**. Remind participants about information about levels of use in Slide 11.

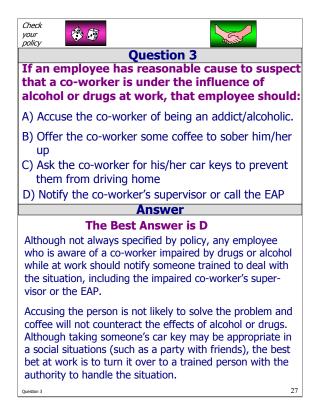


Step 7. Actual Play - Risks and Strengths Board Game



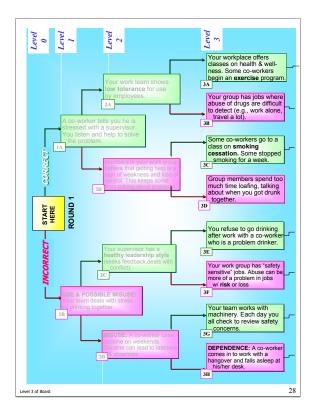


At this point, just make sure that teams have the right number of risks and strengths.

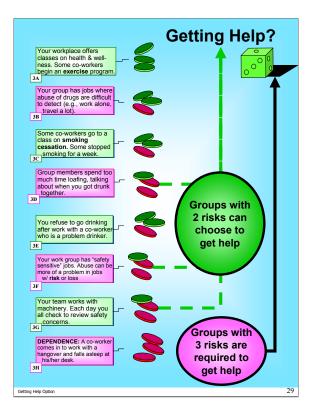


You will note that the upper left hand corner of this slide indicates "Check your policy." This occurs on several other slides (30,32,36,40,42,44,46). When you see "Check your policy" we recommend, if the worksite has a policy, that you review any part of the policy that might pertain to the answer. Each policy and workplace is different. We recommend that you use questions that require some checking with policy because this gives participants more detailed knowledge about issues at their worksite or that pertain to their specific jobs. We also recommend that you develop your own questions (see appendix for suggestions).

**Point for Answer to Slide 27**. For Question 3, it will always be true that "D" is the correct answer. However, it helps to re-emphasize the point by reading directly from policy.



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At this point in the game (end of ROUND 1) teams that have two risks (2 red chips) can choose to get help. Groups with 3 risks are required to get help.

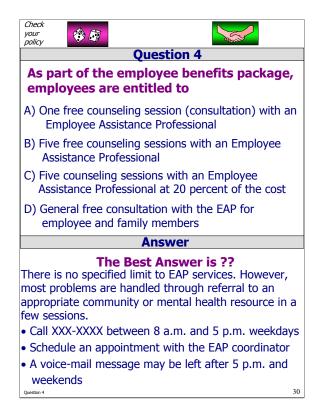
>> **SAY:** THERE IS NO PENALTY (e.g., loss of turn) for getting help. In fact, your willingness to get help is a strength.

>> **ASK:** Who would like to get help? (If a team shows willingness ask the other teams to give them a round of applause).

>> **SAY:** In order to get help all you have to do is have one member of your team roll ONE DIE. The result of your getting help is shown on the top of the game board. For example, if you roll a 3 you discover that there are several alternatives to getting help and—as a result—gain a strength and lose a risk.

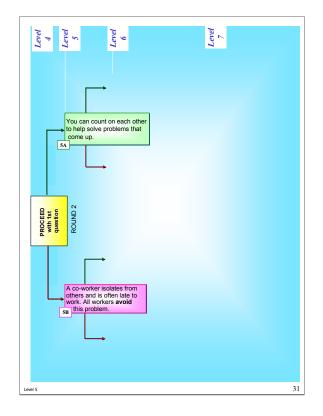
If more than one team gets help, make sure you go around the room one team at a time and ask them to roll one die and announce the result to the other teams.

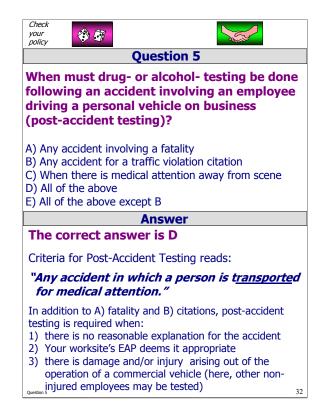




Check your policy to determine the correct answer and to provide (review) information that will be helpful to participants.

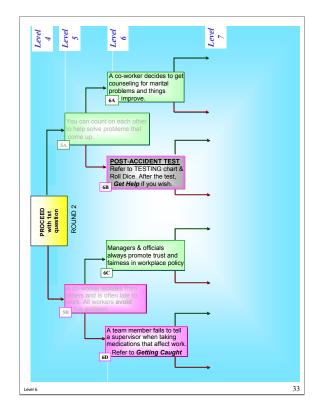
**Point for Answer to Slide 30.** It is very important to include a question that asks about EAP availability. Even though participants may have learned about the EAP before, it helps to see and hear the information through different channels and styles. Since a big part of this game is about "Getting Help," this question also has a context in terms of sharing information within the team when they discuss the answer.

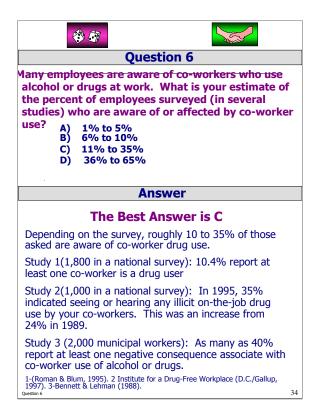




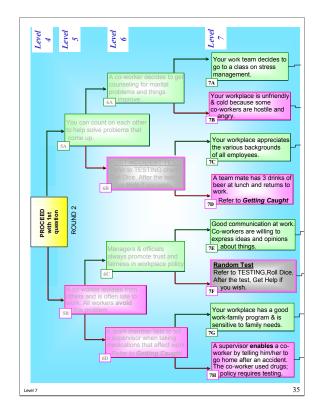
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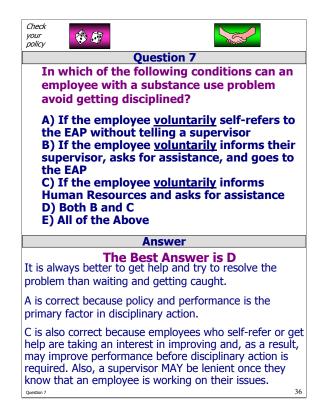
**Point for Answer to Slide 32.** This is an important question to ask if there are any participants who fall under Department of Transportation regulations, which requires testing following an accident. *If you do not have safety sensitive positions or DOT related positions you may consider a substitute question.* 





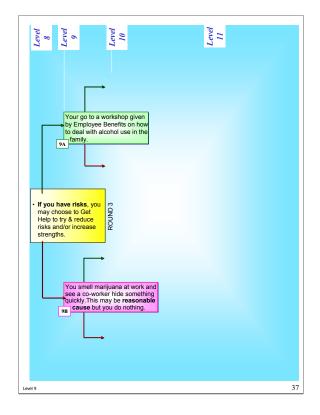
**Point for Answer to Slide 34.** This slide can be used to refer back to the purpose and goals of the training. You may want to re-iterate here that the purpose of the training is to "enhance team communication to help reduce any risks related to substance abuse." This research suggested the need for this kind of training.



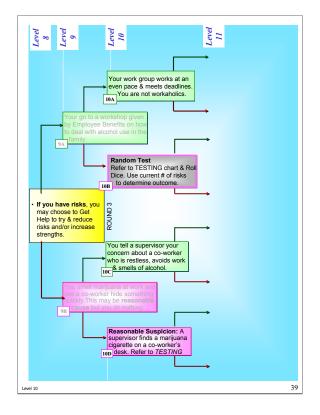


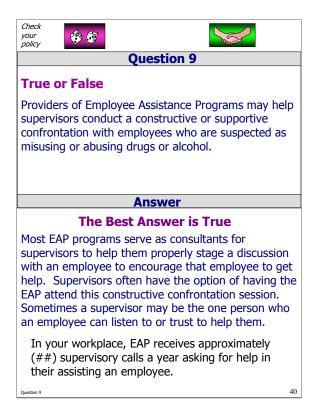
Check your policy to determine the correct answer and to provide (review) information that will be helpful to participants.

**Point for Answer to Slide 32.** This is an important question to ask because it gets into the details of self-referral and plays up the importance of voluntary self-referral as the easiest route to getting help. *If you do not have an EAP or disciplinary policy you may consider a substitute question.* 



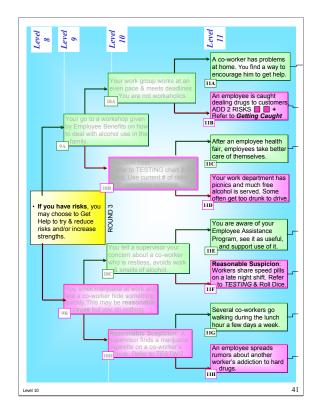


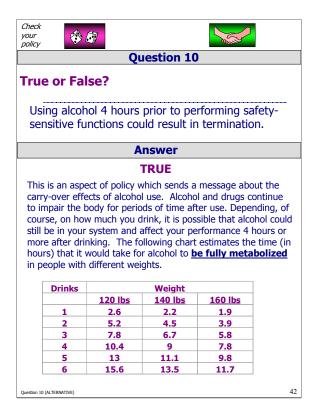




As worded, the statement is true. However, you should check your policy to determine the exact nature of the relationship between EAP and supervision.

**Point for Answer to Slide 32.** If you have an EAP and can get the data, it helps to show how many times your EAP receives call from supervisors asking for support.





Check your policy to determine the correct answer and to provide (review) information that will be helpful to participants.

**Point for Answer to Slide 32.** This is an important question to ask if there are any participants who fall under Department of Transportation regulations, which restricts alcohol use. *If you do not have safety sensitive positions or DOT related positions you may consider a substitute question.* 

