



# Secret Agent Tag



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Who are the taggers!?

## Overview

- ★ # of Participants: **8 to 40**
- ★ Where to Play: **Indoors / Outdoors**
- ★ Age of Participants: **Elementary / Middle / High School**
- ★ Approximate Time to Play: **10-30 minutes**
- ★ Materials: **Nothing!**

## Summary

- ★ Players are secretly assigned roles: Bad Guys, Agents, and Citizens
- ★ Bad guys tag players while agents rescue those who were tagged and are sitting out
- ★ Tagged players sit until freed by a secret agent
- ★ Either Bad Guys tag everyone or Secret Agents/Citizens survive three minutes to win

## How to Play

Secret Agent Tag is a fast-paced twist on classic tag that works great for large groups and doesn't require any equipment. In this version, everyone plays one of three roles: Bad Guys, Secret Agents, or Citizens. To begin, have all players sit down in a central area with their eyes closed and heads down. Quietly walk around and assign roles by tapping players on the head:

One tap means that you're a Bad Guy, a.k.a. one of the Taggers. Two taps means you are a Secret Agent, a.k.a. one of the players that can free those who are out. Everyone else is a Citizen, a.k.a. one of the runners.

Approximately 10% of your group should be a Bad Guy, 10% of your group should be Secret Agents, and the rest should be Citizens.

Once everyone has their role, tell the group they have five seconds to spread out before the round begins. When you call "Go!", the Bad Guys begin chasing everyone else and tagging them. Initially, no one knows who anyone is, so there's a burst of chaos right in the beginning before you start to realize who's out to get you. When a player is tagged, they must immediately sit down where they were caught, and they can't move again until a Secret Agent frees them by tapping them on the shoulder.

Secret Agents play a risky role—while they can rescue stuck players, they can also be tagged themselves. If a Secret Agent gets tagged, they must sit down just like everyone else, so if they are all eliminated, no one will be able to get back in. The round ends after three minutes: if the Bad Guys manage to tag everyone before three minutes is up, then they have won the round. However, if the Secret Agents and Citizens were able to survive for three minutes, then they win!

## Discussion Opportunity

In a game like this, what you focus on matters. If you're focused on the right thing—like the person chasing you—you can react quickly and stay in the game. But if you're focused on the wrong thing, like in the beginning of the round when you're unsure of who is who, you'll probably get tagged before you even realize what happened. Our lives work the same way. We can focus on God, or we can focus on all of our worries and fears—but it's really hard to do both at the same time. What we focus on ends up shaping everything else.