

HEALTH CANADA ALERTS ABOUT ONLINE PHARMACIES, 2005 – 2012

Since 2004, Health Canada has issued nine advisories (listed below) warning Canadian citizens to be wary of online drug sales. Four of those warnings pertain to fraudulent anti-flu medicines; three discuss the risks of online prescription sales; the other two are warnings about four specific web pharmacies that claim to be Canadian, but are not licensed by Canadian regulators.

1. Counterfeit Drugs May Pose Serious Dangers to Your Health, 6/22/2012,
<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2012/15005a-eng.php>.
2. Warning about Buying Prescription Drugs Online from: www.northdrugmart.com,
www.northdrugstore.com, and www.pharmacyrxworld.com, 11/3/2010,
<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2010/13450a-eng.php>.
3. Health Canada Warns Canadians about Buying Prescription Drugs Online from
www.globalpharmacy.com , 7/27/2010, <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2010/13414a-eng.php>.
4. Consumers Warned Against Buying Fraudulent H1N1 Flu Virus Products Online, 11/4/2009,
<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2009/13346a-eng.php>.
5. Health Canada Reminds Consumers About the Risks of Buying Drugs Online,
8/7/2009, <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2009/13324a-eng.php>.
6. Consumers Advised Against Counterfeit and Unapproved H1N1 Flu Virus (Human Swine Flu) Products,
5/3/2009, <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2009/13379a-eng.php>.
7. Health Canada reminds consumers about the risks of buying drugs online, 8/15/2007,
<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2007/13151a-eng.php>.

8. Health Canada advises consumers against counterfeit and unapproved avian flu products, 3/28/2006, <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2006/13084a-eng.php>.

9. Health Canada advises consumers be cautious when buying Tamiflu online, 12/23/2005, <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2005/13597a-eng.php>.