

Buying medicine from unsafe sources can be dangerous, even deadly.



Counterfeit medicine is big business, with criminals making an estimated **\$200 billion per year**.

These unsafe medicines are often sold illegally at **bodegas, flea markets, "storefront pharmacies" and online**.



There are an estimated **30,000 illegal online pharmacies** operating at any one time.

Recent law enforcement actions across the U.S. highlight the **growing health threat of buying medicine from unsafe, unverified sources** online and offline.



The Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacies (ASOP Global) is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the Internet safe for patients worldwide by combatting illegal online drug sellers and counterfeit medicines.

Be smart. Stay safe.
www.BuySafeRx.pharmacy



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The ASOP Global Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is dedicated to educating consumers about the proliferation of illegal pharmacy websites and counterfeit medicines and how to stay safe.



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Ways to Save and Stay Safe When Buying Prescription Medicine

What You Need to Know



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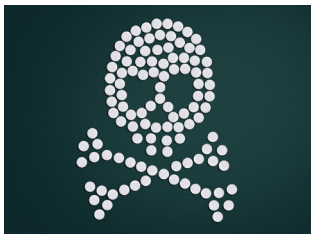
Can you spot the fake?



Are the risks that bad? Yes, they are.

Do not be fooled by the low prices and sophisticated packaging.

- Flea markets, bodegas, and illegal online sellers portray themselves as safe and legal vendors, but they are operating illegally and have been found to often sell counterfeit, poor quality, or otherwise diverted drugs.
- These illegal and unsafe sources profit on patients' need for medicine; they do not put patient safety first.
- Medicines sold from unverified sources have been found to contain dangerous and sometimes deadly substances, including fentanyl, arsenic, lead, and other poisons.
- These products may also contain too much, too little, or no active ingredients. Counterfeit medicines may not work, and could even make you sick, or worse.



RESOURCES TO STAY SAFE AND SAVE



BuySafeRx.pharmacy provides consumers with resources to check the safety and legitimacy of an online pharmacy website prior to purchase. LegitScript's Website Verification Program and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy ".Pharmacy" Program are tools available on this website.



GoodRx.pharmacy collects and compares prices for every FDA-approved prescription drug at over 70,000 retail and mail-order pharmacies located nationwide; offers 100% free coupons to use at your pharmacy; and shows the lowest price available at each pharmacy near you. GoodRx is 100% free to use and requires no credit card information to utilize the discounts. GoodRx is committed to linking only to pharmacies that it believes are safe for consumers and that abide by national standards for pharmacy safety.



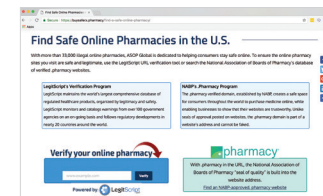
NeedyMeds.org offers a drug discount card that can save patients up to 80% on many prescription medicines and Patient Assistance Programs that provide free or discounted medicines to eligible patients who are unable to afford them.



RefillWise.pharmacy negotiates on patients behalf so that they have access to lower prescription drug prices at their local pharmacy. RefillWise is accepted at all major pharmacies across the country.

How to Save Money on Medications and Stay Safe

- First, shop around and talk to a local pharmacist to see if they have recommendations. People think that every pharmacy sells every medicine for the same price. That's not true!
- Consider filling your prescriptions at local or specialty pharmacies – they often can offer a good price.
- Ask your pharmacist the price of your prescription medications if you were to pay cash or purchase an extended supply. Sometimes this may lead to savings.
- Look for **".pharmacy"** in the website address or verify your pharmacy website is safe and legal by visiting **www.BuySafeRx.pharmacy**.



- Never buy from a shop – online or in-person – that:
 - ✗ Doesn't have a licensed pharmacist on staff for consultation;
 - ✗ Doesn't require a valid prescription from a licensed physician;
 - ✗ Doesn't have a physical street address in the United States;
 - ✗ Sends unsolicited emails; or
 - ✗ Ships medications worldwide.