

You could easily become the victim of dishonest online pharmacies

FAKE MEDICINES

BE CAREFUL!

A Patient's Guide to the Risks of Buying Medicines Online

HOW TO BUY SAFELY



Up to **35,000 illegally operating websites** target consumers and patients.^[1]



Fake medicines may have too much, too little or a **different active ingredient**.



96% of online pharmacies **operate illegally**.^[2]



Fake medicines may contain **poisons**, **paint thinners** and other potential harmful or **deadly ingredients**.^[3]



Fake medicines can be made in **unsanitary** or **non-sterile environments** with unsafe conditions.^[4]

[1]: **Internet Drug Outlet Identification Program, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, 2016**
<http://safemedsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/The-Internet-Pharmacy-Market-in-2016.pdf>

[2]: https://buysafex.pharmacy/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NABP-Internet-Drug-Outlet-Report_February-2018.pdf

[3]: **Poisons Found in Counterfeit Medicines, Partnership for Safe Medicines, 2012**
<https://buysafex.pharmacy/for-the-media/toxins-found-in-counterfeit-and-falsified-medicines/>

[4]: <https://buysafex.pharmacy/for-the-media/key-data-about-illegal-online-drug-sellers-and-counterfeit-medicines-2/>

[5]: **The Internet Pharmacy Market in 2016**
<http://safemedsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/The-Internet-Pharmacy-Market-in-2016.pdf>

HOW DO I PROTECT MYSELF ?

Do not buy from an online pharmacy that...



Doesn't have a licensed pharmacist or physical address and a telephone number that works



Offers 'bulk discounts' or 'amazing results'



Doesn't require a valid prescription for prescription medicines –
this tells you straight away it is operating illegally



Doesn't include the Common Logo below...

New:
EU common logo



The 'EU Common Logo', introduced by a European Directive, will include your county's national flag and link you to the website of the national competent authority, listing all legally operating online pharmacies.

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=/pages/regulation/general/general_content_000630.jsp

In addition to the health risks, personal and financial information could be used or sold without consent.

BE SAFE. BUY SMART.



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