

96% of online pharmacies are **illegal and unsafe**



Counterfeit drug sales exceed **\$200B** per year, the largest sector of **illicit global trade**

**89%** of illegal online pharmacies **don't require a valid prescription**



Counterfeit drugs often contain **deadly poisons** like paint thinner, arsenic or anti-freeze



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 pharmacy websites and counterfeit prescription medicines sold online.

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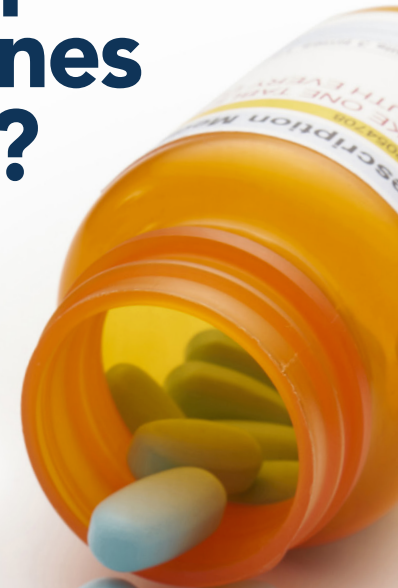
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# Is it Safe to Buy Prescription Medicines Online?

## What You Need to Know



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## Shopping online has never been easier...or riskier.

It seems that everyone—no matter how young or how old—has a smart phone, tablet or computer. And everyone has become an online shopper.

Sometimes we shop online to save money. Other times we do it because it's just more convenient. But buying prescription medicines online has never been riskier.

There are more than 35,000 online pharmacies at any given time, but only 1,400 of those sites are safe and legal.

What does that mean? It means that you can't trust 96% of online pharmacies.

## Are the risks that bad?

**Yes, they are.**

When your package arrives, the pills will look identical to the pills you got at your local pharmacy, but they won't be.

In fact, the pills you receive may contain too much, too little or a completely different active ingredient. These pills often contain harmful, and sometimes deadly, poisons such as paint thinner, arsenic and floor wax.

There will be no way for you to know that. It's not worth it.



## How do I protect myself and my loved ones?

Look for ".pharmacy" in the website address or verify your pharmacy website is safe and legal by visiting [www.BuySafeRx.pharmacy](http://www.BuySafeRx.pharmacy).

Never, ever buy from an online pharmacy that

- Doesn't require a valid prescription
- Doesn't have a physical street address in the U.S.
- Doesn't have a licensed pharmacist on staff
- Sends unsolicited emails
- Ships medications worldwide

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## This could happen to anyone. Even doctors.

An emergency room doctor suffered a stroke from ingesting a counterfeit drug he bought online which was produced using a controlled substance rather than the approved ingredient.

Kelly Best died after taking counterfeit Oxycontin™ bought online that contained a high dose of a different drug.

Aidan Karpenko was found dead just hours after taking a single Etizolam™ pill, a drug similar to Valium™ or Xanax™, which was purchased by his friend on the Internet.

Marcia Bergeron died from heavy metal poisoning caused by the contaminated prescription medications she bought online.



## It's safe and legal to buy prescription medicines from Canadian online pharmacies? Right?

**No, actually it isn't.**

Most of the thousands of sites claiming to be Canadian have no connection to Canada at all.

In fact, the medicine you think is coming from Canada is actually coming from another country where you wouldn't even drink the water.

Do you want to take that chance?