

Save Money Safely on Your Prescriptions from Online Pharmacies

Don't get victimized by criminals or dangerous counterfeit drugs

Always choose a VIPPS-certified online pharmacy:

You can find a list at www.vipps.info of pharmacies certified by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. No other certifying entity is as good as VIPPS.



Compare prices at different VIPPS-certified pharmacies:

Check with services like LowestMed.com, WeRX.org and GoodRX.com to comparison shop for better prices for your medicines online. Make sure your pharmacist knows all the drugs you are taking so they can check for drug interactions.

Look for patient assistance programs:

Check with www.needymeds.org and www.pparx.org to see if you qualify for the many hundreds of programs that provide low-cost or even free pharmaceuticals to people unable to afford their medication.

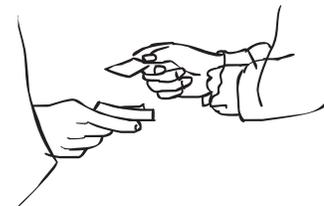
Consider generic alternatives:

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about a generic version of your medication.

Are unlicensed online pharmacies dangerous?

Many uncertified online pharmacies are not pharmacies at all:

Many uncertified "online pharmacies" are large criminal organizations that make money by selling fake drugs with little or no active ingredient. They are widely advertised through email spam and have convincing sounding names like "Trusted Pharmacy Co, UK" and look authentic. They usually reside in countries with little ability to enforce fraud and counterfeiting laws. The organizations are not really pharmacies and they are not accredited by the National Board of Pharmacies nor regulated by the FDA.



Lethal Ingredients Or No Ingredients:

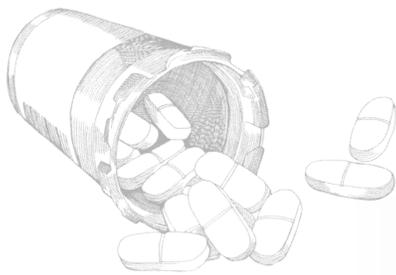


The drugs these organizations are selling are not tested, verified, or deemed reliable by any regulatory agency in the US or abroad. In fact, there is no way for you to verify what the medicine you receive in the mail is made of at all! They could be made of floor wax, talc, carcinogenic solvents, heavy metals or drugs you didn't ask for. Unsuspecting victims have sickened and died from ingesting counterfeit medications that either poisoned them, or by failing to treat the conditions they ordered the drugs for.

Unusual Side Effects – Identity Theft, Extortion and Computer Infection:

When you purchase drugs from an unreliable rock-bottom priced online drug store, you're giving your credit card number, address and phone number to criminals. These criminals have used this information for identity theft, committed fraud with their patient's credit cards, infected their customers with computer viruses, and recently begun extorting money from patients who thought they had violated the law.





QUESTION: What's the difference between a Canadian retail pharmacy you can drive over the border to patronize and a "Canadian online pharmacy" that sends you medicine in the mail?

ANSWER: A Canadian web pharmacy is probably just a shipping company that claims to be a pharmacy, that may not even really be in Canada.

➔ Unless you drive over the border into Canada to a bricks and mortar pharmacy, when you order from an online pharmacy you're getting a company that pretends to sell non-Canadians price-controlled medications for citizens. While a physical retail pharmacy in Canada is regulated by Health Canada and the Provincial Pharmacy Board, a Canadian online pharmacy can be located in any country, and isn't going to sell you medicine meant for Canadian residents.

QUESTION: Where do the medicines you get from a "Canadian online pharmacy" come from?

ANSWER: All around the world, but not from Canada.

➔ The USFDA's seized medications show that nearly half the imported drugs intercepted from four foreign countries were labeled as "Canadian." But not only that, **85% of the medicines came from 27 countries around the globe, and tested drugs were found to be counterfeit.**

In 2011, **counterfeit cancer medication, Avastin, was found and tested by the FDA.** The lifesaving medication used for late stage cancer patients was found to contain **NO ACTIVE INGREDIENT.** The company that allegedly supervised the distribution of the medication according to both the FDA and the Wall Street Journal is a so-called **Canadian online pharmacy, CanadaDrugs.com.** [Learn more>](#)

QUESTION: Don't Canadian online pharmacies provide great deals because they source medicine from safe Tier One countries like Canada, Australia and England?

ANSWER: No. Counterfeit medicine with no active ingredients, or cheaper and inappropriate ingredients, are the way they make the big bucks while tricking you into thinking you've gotten a great deal.

➔ So-called Canadian web pharmacies (that actually hold no pharmacy license) assure customers that their drug imports are only from countries designated as Tier One by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Since 2010, these have included Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, South Africa and countries in the European Union.

However, the map to the left shows a selection of counterfeit medicine incidents that have occurred in Canada, Israel, and the European Union. Incidents have also occurred in the other Tier One countries not seen on the map. Some incidents have occurred in more than one country, such as the counterfeit cancer medication described above that traveled through several EU countries before it arrived in the US at the behest of a so-called Canadian online pharmacy. [Learn more>](#)

QUESTION: Can't the FDA and Health Canada protect me from danger if I buy medicines from outside the U.S.?

ANSWER: No.

➔ **Says the FDA,** "The FDA cannot help you if you have problems with medicine you get from outside U.S. regulation and oversight."

Additionally medicines that are shipped between countries aren't required to be inspected for authenticity. Health Canada isn't going to check to make sure the medicines you receive are authentic, neither are the governments of any other country and that is most likely where your packages are coming from anyway.

QUESTION: Isn't the medicine I get from a "Canadian online pharmacy" just from the pile of medications that are price-fixed by the Canadian government? Aren't they authentic Canadian medicines?

ANSWER: No. Those medications may never have even seen a maple leaf flag.

➔ According to the president of a Canadian online pharmacy, 70 percent of drugs sold to Americans from Canada are made elsewhere, so the drug you think you're importing from Canada probably comes from a third world country with less stringent protections than either the US or Canada. This is backed up by the USFDA's own research which found that 85% of medication that purported to be from Canada was really from some OTHER country.

Additionally, even the **Canadian government is warning their people about these websites.** If they don't want their people to buy medicine from so-called "Canadian online pharmacies," how can you even begin to believe those drugs are legitimate? [Learn more>](#)