



Know the Facts Before You Purchase Prescription Medicines Online

Fake online pharmacies are an escalating public health threat, and consumers may not be aware of the dangers of counterfeit medicines. But there are ways to safely purchase prescription medicines online. The first step is to know the facts ...



1. Mailing address **outside of the U.S.**
2. Does **not** require a valid prescription from a physician
3. Offers foreign or **non-FDA approved** medicines
4. Issues a 'prescription' based only on an online questionnaire or consultation
5. Does not have a **VIPPS** (Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites) logo



As Many As 8 Places a **fake** medicine can **travel** before reaching your mailbox.

Erectile dysfunction (ED) medicines are among the **most commonly** counterfeited prescription medicines.²



What can be found in **fake medicine**:

rat poison
road paint
floor wax
boric acid²



\$83 million

Dollar value of **counterfeit** and **pirated** drugs and personal care items seized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in 2012.³

8 out of 10

Pills found to be **fake** in an analysis conducted by Pfizer Global Security!

(Pills purported to be Viagra were purchased from 22 "pharmacy" websites in the top search results for the term "buy Viagra.")⁴

Only 3%

of the more than 10,000 Internet outlets selling Rx drugs appear to be potentially **legitimate**, according to the **National Association of Boards of Pharmacy**.¹



3 steps to access Viagra home delivery:

1. See your doctor to discuss your condition and, if appropriate, receive a prescription for Viagra
2. If you get a prescription, get started at **Viagra.com** to fill it conveniently from the privacy of your own home
3. Receive your Viagra prescription medication delivered right to your door!

Visit Viagra.com for more information.

Viagra is prescribed to treat erectile dysfunction.

Viagra Important Safety Information

Do not take Viagra if you take nitrates, often prescribed for chest pain, as this may cause a sudden, unsafe drop in blood pressure.

Discuss your general health status with your doctor to ensure that you are healthy enough to engage in sexual activity. If you experience chest pain, nausea, or any other discomforts during sex, seek immediate medical help.

In the rare event of an erection lasting more than 4 hours, seek immediate medical help to avoid long-term injury.

If you are older than age 65, or have serious liver or kidney problems, your doctor may start you at the lowest dose (25 mg) of Viagra. If you are taking protease inhibitors, such as for the treatment of HIV, your doctor may recommend a 25 mg dose and may limit you to a maximum single dose of 25 mg of Viagra in a 48-hour period.

In rare instances, men taking PDE5 inhibitors (oral erectile dysfunction medicines, including Viagra) reported a sudden decrease or loss of vision. If you experience sudden decrease or loss of vision, stop taking PDE5 inhibitors, including Viagra, and call a doctor right away.

Sudden decrease or loss of hearing has been rarely reported in people

taking PDE5 inhibitors, including Viagra. It is not possible to determine whether these events are related directly to the PDE5 inhibitors or to other factors. If you experience sudden decrease or loss of hearing, stop taking Viagra and contact a doctor right away.

If you have prostate problems or high blood pressure for which you take medicines called alpha blockers, your doctor may start you on a lower dose of Viagra.

Viagra should not be used with other treatments that cause erections. Viagra should not be used with Revatio as Revatio contains sildenafil, the same medicine found in Viagra.

Viagra does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

The most common side effects of Viagra are headache, facial flushing, and upset stomach. Less commonly, bluish vision, blurred vision, or sensitivity to light may briefly occur.

For patient insert and full prescribing information for Viagra, [click here.](#)

¹ National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. Internet drug outlet identification program progress report for state and federal regulators: January 2013. Available at: http://www.nabp.net/system/redactor_assets/documents/161/NABP_Internet_Drug_Outlet_Report_Jan2013.pdf Accessed March 20, 2013.

² The Partnership for Safe Medicines. 7 Most Common Counterfeit Drugs. Available at: <http://www.safemedicines.org/2012/08/7-most-frequently-counterfeited-medicines-are-scary462.html>. Accessed December 14, 2012.

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