



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Counterfeit drugs are fake or fraudulent copies of real, legitimate medicines. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that close to \$83 billion worth of counterfeit drugs are sold annually.



# How you can protect yourself



**Verify your online pharmacy if purchasing** online. Out of 12,000 pharmacies analyzed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), 95 percent pose legitimate safety concerns.

If you are buying your medication online, check out this website — **safe.pharmacy** — to verify whether a site is safe or not recommended. Only use legitimate websites when purchasing your medications online.

#### Pay attention to the pills and packaging.

If there are any changes in the appearance of your medicine or if the packaging has been tampered with in any way, it could be a sign that your medicine is counterfeit.







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### Consult a physician or pharmacist.

Your doctor or pharmacist can help answer your questions about any changes in the size, shape, or markings of your medicine or its packaging. They can identify warning signs.



#### Report anything suspicious.

You can fill out a form on **Fraud.org** in just a couple of minutes. We will share the complaint with **more than 90 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies** to help bring these criminals to justice and end the spread of dangerous counterfeit drugs. The information you provide is critical.





Counterfeit drugs laced with FENTANYL have been found in 48 STATES, with 33 STATES REPORTING DEATHS.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT WE'RE KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE FROM COUNTERFEIT DRUGS.