

# What kind of businesses are fake online pharmacies?



## PIRATES, PORN AND FRAUD:

Affiliate networks have been linked to other illegal internet-based businesses, including those that promote pornography, pirated media and fake anti-virus software.



**HACKERS:** Websites associated with affiliate networks have contained trojan software that will corrupt and take over your computer making your online transactions vulnerable, as well as destroying your computer.



**DOPE DEALERS:** Pharmacy affiliate networks have been documented selling without prescriptions millions of controlled pills to Americans.



**FAKE MEDICINE PUSHERS:** Drugs purchased from affiliate online pharmacies are often counterfeit and definitely not safe because they aren't licensed U.S. pharmacies. Even if the site purports to be American, it can really be located anywhere in the world, with potentially no regulation. Meds bought online have contained everything from heavy metals to unapproved and deadly drugs instead.



**SPAMMERS:** Affiliate networks are the world's largest source of spam. A police raid on one affiliate alone caused them global spam volume to drop by 50 billion spam emails per day, a full fifth of the internet's spam traffic.

Fake pharmacies sell counterfeit medicines and controlled substances without prescriptions, but they have also been linked to **pornography, pirated media, fake anti-virus software, trojan viruses** that threaten your computer security, and a tremendous volume of **spam**.

**Just 30 fake online pharmacies control tens of thousands of websites**—"affiliates" represented by **54,000** unique domain names and **347 million** unique web addresses—that look different, but can be traced to the same core business. The sheer number of these fake sites make it very difficult for users to find legitimate pharmacies online.

**54,000 unique domain names**

Is it



Safe?

**347,000,000 unique web addresses**

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