

## What does an affiliate network do?

The world biggest fake online pharmacies are not one website but tens of thousands of them. They use different storefronts, with different names, domain names, and graphics to create the appearance of a plethora of online pharmacies to choose from. But in reality, just 30 unique fake online pharmacy affiliate networks control over 54,000 unique domain names with 347 million unique web addresses for fake online pharmacies.

The rise of pharmacy affiliate networks ensures that when you type in "online pharmacy" into Google (even for a US search), you're unlikely to get legitimate pharmacies with actual American pharmacy licenses. The criminals are playing a numbers game, and the number of licensed online US pharmacies (currently at 67) is dwarfed in any search engine results page by the fakers, currently at 54,000 and rising.

**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.

**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.

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

Learn more about how to buy safely from online pharmacies at <http://safedr.ug/stayawayfromhydra>

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