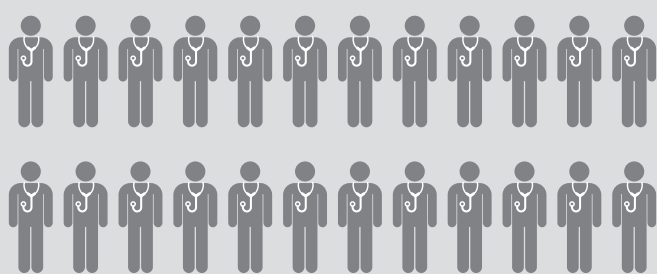




PROTECT YOUR PRACTICE AND YOUR PATIENTS FROM COUNTERFEIT DRUGS AND DEVICES

All healthcare professionals who purchase medications or devices are familiar with daily price-list faxes from persistent direct sales companies. But when these faxes come in, keep in mind: Purchasing or using non-FDA-approved drug products or devices exposes physicians to criminal and civil liability. Receiving and distributing counterfeit drugs or devices could be deadly for patients—and career-ending for physicians.



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THE NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS WHO WERE CONVICTED OR PLED GUILTY TO USING UNAPPROVED ONCOLOGY DRUGS, COSMETIC INJECTABLES, OR INTRAUTERINE DEVICES (IUDS) FROM 2009–2013

\$12.8 MILLION

THE AMOUNT OF FINES THESE 24 PHYSICIANS PAID, WITH AN AVERAGE FINE OF \$533,000

\$3.4 MILLION

THE LARGEST OF THE 24 FINES

All specialties are at risk for purchasing counterfeit drugs and medical devices.

1,000+

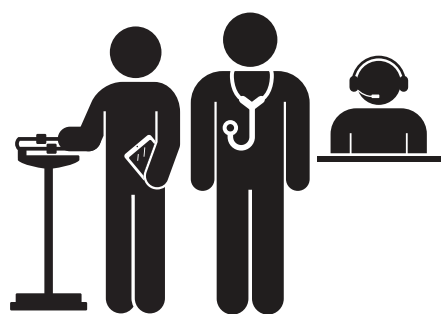
THE NUMBER OF LETTERS THE FDA HAS SENT TO PROFESSIONALS ACROSS ALL SPECIALTIES WHO MAY HAVE BOUGHT MEDICATIONS FROM COUNTERFEIT DRUG SELLERS

It may be difficult to tell which online pharmacies are real or fake.

346 MILLION

THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE WEB ADDRESSES FOR FAKE ONLINE PHARMACIES

FOLLOW THESE SAFETY STEPS



STEP
1

DOWNLOAD “KNOW YOUR SUPPLIER” MATERIALS from Rx-360 at <http://safedr ug/rx360> to help your office staff recognize offers of illegal products.

STEP
2

BEFORE PURCHASING FROM ANY VENDOR, verify that the vendor is a licensed distributor or wholesaler. Check wholesaler accreditation and licensing at <http://safedr ug/VAWDaccredited> and <http://safedr ug/fdalicense>.

STEP
3

DON'T BE SEDUCED by fax or e-mail blast offers of discounted drugs.