

# 5 WAYS to SAVE MONEY and STAY SAFE from COUNTERFEIT DRUGS

## 1 Use a free prescription discount program.

**NeedyMeds** has a free prescription discount card and there is also an app version for iPhone or Android smartphones. Their card is accepted at over 65,000 pharmacies in the U.S. and **savings can be as much as 80 percent!**



## 2 Generics are the fastest way to lower your prescription costs.

**Generic drugs** have the same effectiveness, strength, purity, safety, and active ingredients as brand-name drugs. They are virtually identical to brand-name drugs but cost **about 85% less.**



## 3 Talk with your pharmacist.

Your pharmacist will know if it's cheaper to use your insurance/Medicare or pay cash. They know about discount cards and other techniques that might reduce the cost. If you pay cash, shop around town because cash prices vary a lot. If you find better prices elsewhere, try and keep all your prescriptions at one pharmacy for your medical safety.



## 4 Find out about assistance programs.

Many drug companies offer qualifying patients access to low-cost or free medications. Check with your provider about available support. Contact these patient-assistance programs online at [www.needymeds.org](http://www.needymeds.org), [www.rxoutreach.org](http://www.rxoutreach.org), and [medicineassistancetool.org](http://medicineassistancetool.org).



## 5 Buy medicines only at .pharmacy websites.

If you decide to buy online, **only purchase from online pharmacies whose websites end in .pharmacy.** Go to <https://www.safe.pharmacy> to see the list. Be sure to inform your local pharmacist of all the medications you take to watch for drug interactions.



# 5 things YOU DON'T KNOW about COUNTERFEIT DRUGS in AMERICA

## 1 Counterfeit drugs have been found in every state.

Since 2000, every single state has experienced a counterfeit drug incident. Since 2015, counterfeit medications made with fentanyl have been found in 46 states.

## 2 A counterfeit fentanyl pill can kill anyone.

Fentanyl does not discriminate. Fake fentanyl pills have already killed people in at least 31 states, including Prince.

## 3 Just a tiny amount of fentanyl can kill.

Just a few grains of fentanyl or carfentanil can kill. Fake pills pressed to look like real medicines made with fentanyl and carfentanil are being sold on streets across the U.S.



## 4 Canadian online pharmacies aren't really pharmacies.

These websites aren't pharmacies, they are not selling medicine from Canada's drug supply chain, and they aren't Canadian. They have been selling fake and substandard medicines to Americans for years.

To learn more, please see: <http://safedr.ug/fakemapleleaf>.

## 5 If the illegally imported medicine does you harm, the criminals may never be punished.

Repeatedly, when foreign counterfeiters get caught selling counterfeits to Americans, they get light jail sentences or no jail time at all.

Learn more at <https://safedr.ug/crime>.

**You CAN save money and stay safe from fake medication. See our money saving tips on the other side!**