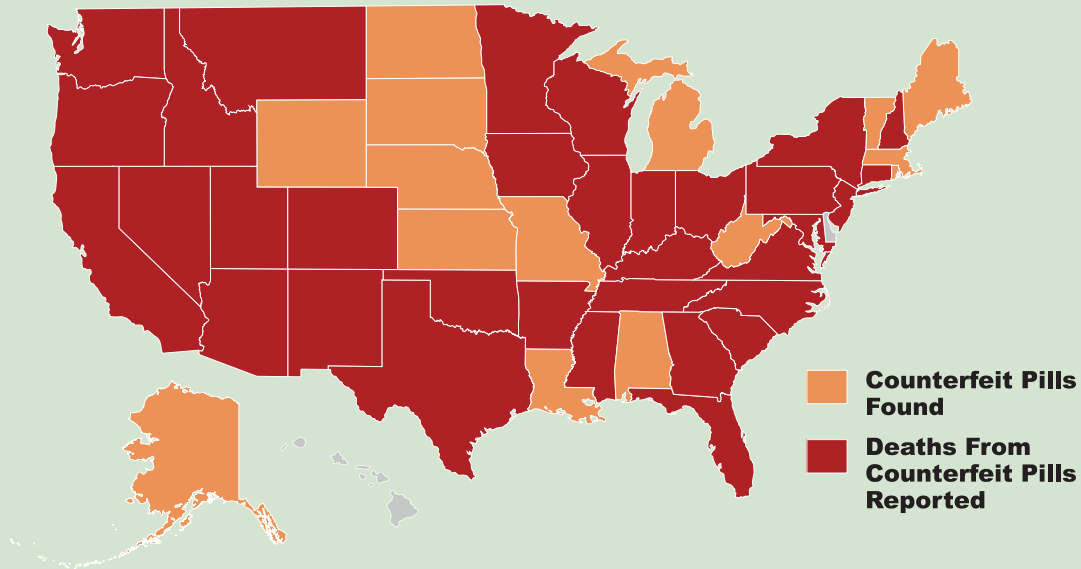


PILL PRESSES AND THE NEW DECENTRALIZED COUNTERFEIT TRADE

SINCE 2015 THE U.S. HAS BEEN FLOODED WITH COUNTERFEIT PAINKILLERS AND FAKE XANAX LACED WITH FENTANYL.



48 STATES HAVE REPORTED FINDING THEM, AND AS OF JUNE 2019, THEY HAVE KILLED PEOPLE IN 33 STATES.

It's not just fentanyl. Pill presses can make any kind of pill...



Homemade **TRAMADOL** in Champaign, IL (2015).



"**ADDERALL**" made of methamphetamine in San Antonio, TX (2017) and San Francisco, CA (2018).



Fake **ICLUSIG**—a drug that treats leukemia—made with acetaminophen found in Switzerland, Turkey, and Argentina (2019).



THESE PILLS COME FROM CARTELS OVERSEAS, BUT THEY'RE ALSO MADE IN THE U.S. BY DRUG COUNTERFEITERS PURCHASING ILLEGAL INGREDIENTS INTERNATIONALLY.

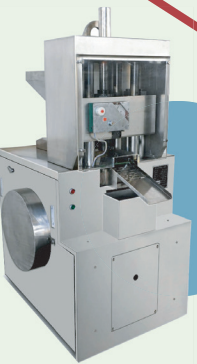


HOW TO MAKE FAKE PILLS

1 BUY A PILL PRESS



small
"desktop machines"
can make
approximately
**1,800 pills
an hour**



massive
industrial equipment
can churn out
**1.6 million pills
per hour**

How much
can I spend?

What pills
can I sell?

2 ORDER PILL MOLD ONLINE

PICK ME UP

ADDERALL



PAIN RELIEF

HYDROCODONE



RELAXING

XANAX



TUMOR KILLING

ICLUSIG



Choose
active
ingredient

...and more...

3 SCORE YOUR SUPPLIES

ADDICTIVE

METH / FENTANYL

CHEAP

ACETAMINOPHEN

FREE

Choose filler
and binding agents



BAKING SODA



ROAD PAINT



CHALK



ANTIFREEZE



RAT POISON



LEAD



MOLD



TALCUM
POWDER

...and more* ...

4 MAKE FAKE PILLS



Photo credit:
Hundreds of thousands of counterfeit
Xanax pills seized by police from
a New Jersey home.
<http://bit.ly/2LKIZLy>

*see <https://www.safemedicines.org/2015/11/poisons.html>

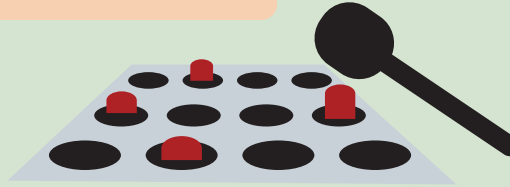
AREN'T THESE ILLEGAL?

WHY ISN'T ANYONE STOPPING THEM?

TO STOP THIS PRODUCTION, LAW ENFORCEMENT MUST CONTINUALLY INVESTIGATE SMALL OPERATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.



They've been found in city apartments, abandoned buildings in the woods, garages, motel rooms, vacation rentals, and self storage units.



It's resource-intensive, and as soon as one pill-making group is shut down, another can spring up right behind it.

People who buy or sell a pill press are supposed to register them with the DEA, but **criminals don't register pill presses.**



OWNING A PILL PRESS IS **ONLY ILLEGAL WITH THE POSSESSION OF A COUNTERFEIT PILL MOLD OR THE PRODUCTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**



... and the penalties for illegal pill making operations are not very severe.

The U.S. Postal Service is the preferred shipper for these illegal shipments because the enormous volume of packages makes it difficult to intercept pill presses.



Inside the U.S., pill presses often go undetected because police do not know what they are. They are caught as a result of drug investigations or luck.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ➡ **KEEP YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SAFE.** ONLY GET MEDICINE FROM U.S. LICENSED PHARMACIES AND DO NOT ACCEPT A NON-PRESCRIBED PILL FROM ANYONE. IT COULD BE A COUNTERFEIT CONTAINING FENTANYL OR ANOTHER TOXIC DRUG!
- ➡ **REPORT SUSPICIOUS PILLS** TO THE DEA AT 877-RXABUSE OR ONLINE AT [HTTPS://WWW.DEADIVERSION.USDOJ.GOV/TIPS_ONLINE.HTM](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/tips_online.htm).
- ➡ **LET YOUR LEGISLATORS KNOW WE NEED BETTER LAWS:**
 - **OPPOSE FOREIGN DRUG IMPORTATION.**
 - **SUPPORT FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK TO INTERCEPT AND SHUT DOWN COUNTERFEITERS.**

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