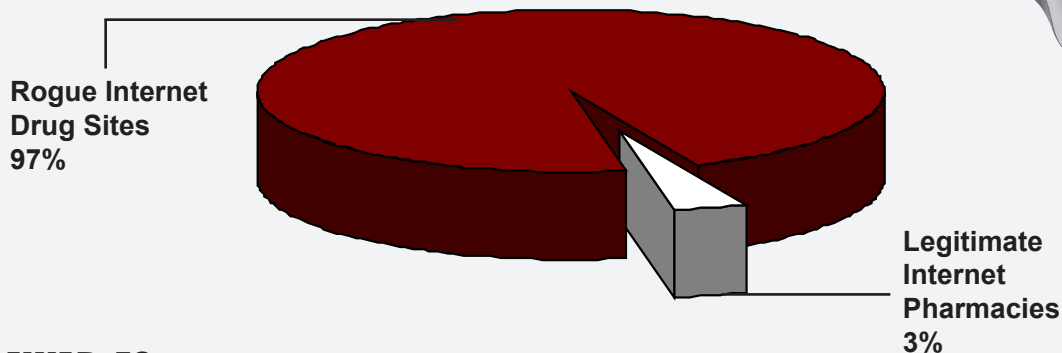


Internet Pharmacies and You



Buying prescription medicine online can be dangerous. Our findings may alarm you.



Are You AWARxE?

- NABP® has **reviewed** more than **10,000 Web sites** selling prescription drugs. By some estimates, as much as **90%** of the medication bought online may be fake.
- **Only 3%** of these sites appear to be **in compliance** with state and federal laws and NABP patient safety and pharmacy practice standards.
- The other **97%** of these sites are considered **rogue sites** and are listed as **Not Recommended** on the AWARxE® Web site, www.AWARERX.ORG.

For Your Protection, Look for the VIPPS Seal

- As seen on *60 Minutes*, *Dr Oz*, and *The Doctors*, look for sites accredited through the **VIPPS®** program. These sites are listed as **Recommended** at AWARERX.ORG.
- And don't forget about your **pets**. Protect them by looking for the **Vet-VIPPS®** Seal when purchasing their medications online.



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National Resources and Discount Prescription Sources

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- **VIPPS (Verified-Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites):**
Some VIPPS-accredited sites may offer discount prescription programs. Visit the AWARE Web site for a full listing of the VIPPS sites: www.AWARERX.ORG.
- **Partnership for Prescription Assistance:** www.pparx.org (1-888/477-2669)
Helps match patients to appropriate health care and prescription assistance programs.
- **Medicare:** www.medicare.gov or www.medicare.gov/Publications/Pubs/pdf/11318.pdf
Lists resources for prescription drug coverage.
- **BenefitsCheckUp:** www.benefitscheckup.org
A service of the National Council on Aging.
Provides information about local, state, and federal as well as private prescription assistance programs.
- **NACo Prescription Discount Card Program:** www.naco.org/programs/residents/Pages/pdcp.aspx (1-877/321-2652)
A free program for residents of the National Association of Counties (NACo) member counties.



Does a Drug Dealer Lurk in Your Medicine Cabinet?

Proper Drug Disposal Protects
Your Loved Ones from Misuse

FACT: *Three in five teens say prescription pain relievers are easy to get from a parent's medicine cabinet, and more than 50% of people who abused prescription drugs in 2009 and 2010 got them from friends or family for free.*

Additional facts and resources about prescription drug abuse trends, safe medication use, and medication disposal are available on the AWARE Web site.

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Share the news to raise AWAREness across America among friends and family

- The next Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will take place Saturday, October 26, 2013. More information is available at www.AWARERX.ORG.
- DEA drug take-back events, coordinated with local law enforcement agencies across the country, provide a safe means for the disposal of unwanted, unused prescription medications – including controlled substances – for authorized disposal. DEA plans to provide an online drug collection site locator prior to the event.
- Consumers disposed of 2.8 million pounds (1,409 tons) of unwanted medication during the first six DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days and the sixth DEA take-back event on April 27, 2013, saw participation from 5,829 partners that provided take-back sites across all 50 states and the United States territories.

