



**India's drug laws are incomplete and difficult to navigate, and this is especially true for drugs sold online. Many drugs that require a prescription in the U.S. to purchase can be bought over-the-counter from Mexico and aren't considered controlled in either country. True Canadian pharmacies are certified by the Canadian International Pharmacy Association (CIPA), which states on its website that CIPA-certified pharmacies follow the same stringent confidentiality and safety procedures as U.S. pharmacies.” CIPA-certified pharmacies are legitimate and licensed in Canada, but cannot be verified by U.S. pharmacy bodies.**

However, the FDA reports that many online pharmacies that appear Canadian are actually operating out of other countries. 6. How a Canadian online pharmacy is different Canadian pharmacy practices and standards are similar to those of the U.S., and many Canadian pharmacies follow U.S. and Canadian rules when selling to U.S. customers. When importing prescription medications, the patient must also provide that physician's contact information to authorities at customs.

4. What is definitely illegal We know the FDA strongly discourages buying drugs from other countries, but specific laws on the subject are not always clear. Back in 2011, the FDA sued and settled with Google for \$500 million for Google's placement of illegal Canadian online pharmacy ads. Even so, the FDA recommends against buying drugs from other countries because their safety can't be confirmed and because consumers who have adverse reactions have no recourse against the manufacturer.

In the case of foreign online pharmacies, drug costs in other countries are cheaper, so the potential for savings is even greater. It makes sense to try and save money in any way possible, including navigating the myriad online vendors that promise to sell your drugs for a fraction of the prices you're currently paying. It's no surprise: Americans spend more than \$300 billion a year on prescription drugs.

If lawmakers act on this issue, Americans suffering from the high cost of prescription drugs will finally get some relief. Many 'American-made' brand name prescription drugs are manufactured in other countries and then imported into the U.S. In fact, many American-made brand name prescription drugs are manufactured in other countries and then imported into the U.S., according to a 2017 New York Times article.

Search our drug information guide for helpful advice on some of the most commonly prescribed medications, including potential side effects and drug interactions. The FDA has a page with tips on safe ways to buy medication online. The text on the very same page states that the medications will come from pharmacies in the United States.

The availability of cheaper medication above the United States' border has resulted in the creation of websites that appear to be from Canada, but actually originate far overseas, as we have written before. Cyveillance currently sees more than thirteen hundred websites out there today that mention Canada and the word pharmacy in the site's domain. Another possibility is that what they receive in the mail from these faraway online pharmacy operations is not even real medication at all, but fake pills that contain inert ingredients like corn starch or dangerous chemicals like mercury. People can and do die in all of the scenarios above.

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