Buying Prescription Medicines Over the Internet

Be Safe

Fake online pharmacies can manipulate their websites to appear legitimate, so checking the pharmacy's license through your state board of pharmacy (or equivalent state agency) is an important step to know whether you are using a safe and legal online pharmacy

Locate a State-Licensed Online Pharmacy

Checking a pharmacy's license through your state board of pharmcy is an important step in knowing whether you are using a safe online pharmcy.

Choose your state from this link that will let you select your state board of pharmacy's license database. The links to databases provided are maintained by each state agency.

If you cannot confirm that an online pharmacy is licensed in the United States, you should not use that online pharmacy.

Once you have identified a state-licensed online pharmacy, also make sure the pharmacy:

1. Requires a doctor's prescription;
2. Provides a physical address and telephone number in the United States; and
3. Has a licensed pharmacist to answer your questions.

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