IS IT SAFE FOR AMERICANS TO ORDER LIFE-SAVING MEDICINE FROM ONLINE PHARMACIES OVERSEAS?

No. Like the Unites States, other countries are plagued by illegal Internet "pharmacies," endangering patients globally. More must be done.

The G8 Report & Counterfeit Drug Incidents in Member Countries:

**CANADA**
Thousands of websites around the world claim to be Canadian pharmacies, but they aren’t Canadian nor are they pharmacies. Last year a global crackdown identified 4,000 of them under investigation by Canadian law enforcement.\(^2\)

**FRANCE**
1.2 MILLION
In 2012, counterfeiters got so brazen that they tried to smuggle 1.2 million fake aspirin into France in a shipment of tea.\(^3\)

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**
Many fake Canadian online pharmacies come out of Russia and are part of the Glavmed fake pharmacy spam network.
Russian investigators have found that over 400 members of this fake pharmacy network have a second job: fake antivirus ads that install on your computer and tell you there are threats you need to pay them to clean up.\(^5\)

**UNITED STATES**
These drugs are all finding their way into the United States. Over 350 US doctors received warnings in 2012 about doing business with counterfeit drug suppliers specializing in fake cancer drugs, Botox, and osteoporosis medication.\(^7\)

**UNITED KINGDOM**
In 2012 the UK’s version of the FDA, the MHRA, discovered 70,000 fake pills in UK pharmacies, with another 30,000 unaccounted for and possibly sold online.
The UK is one of many countries people think of as "safe," but its counterfeit problem is significant.\(^6\)

**GERMANY**
Pharmacists in Germany have illegally purchased ingredients to make their own cancer drugs found in at least 100 German pharmacies in 2010. It is not known how much was shipped out of the country.\(^4\)

Sources: http://www.safemedicines.org/counterfeit-drug-incidents-in-g8-countries.html