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# SPOT THE FAKES



Fake or unlicensed medicines or medical products can be dangerous to your health and safety

# #FAKEMEDS

Know what you're buying - follow these top tips

## Dodgy websites

Poor design, pop-ups, spelling and grammar errors are all signs of dodgy websites. Check for genuine product reviews when buying online.



## Unauthorised suppliers

Make sure you are buying from a registered pharmacy or website. Resources to help identify legitimate suppliers are available at [gov.uk/fakemeds](https://gov.uk/fakemeds)



## Bad packaging = bad products

Look out for poor packaging, spelling mistakes and broken seals. If there is no packaging at all (just the blister pack!) and no patient leaflet - it is very likely your medicine is fake.



## Suspicious URLs

Check the URL - legitimate websites will not use product names as their domain names.



## Too good to be true

Claims like '100% safe, no side effects' or 'quick results', are often signs a site is dodgy. Cut prices and extra speedy deliveries can also expose you to fake medicines - even identity theft and fraud.



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