

State and federal laws
require a valid prescription
before purchasing
controlled drugs!



Using unapproved
online pharmacies
may be illegal
or even fatal!

BE AWARE!

Drugs delivered without a valid
prescription may:

- Ⓞ not give needed information on
drug interaction!
- Ⓞ be the wrong drug!
- Ⓞ be adulterated!
- Ⓞ be expired!
- Ⓞ be the wrong dosage!
- Ⓞ be the wrong strength!
- Ⓞ have no dosage directions!
- Ⓞ have no warnings!
- Ⓞ not list contra-indicators!
- Ⓞ kill you!

CONNECT WITH YOUR KIDS

*Encourage Your Teen to Avoid the
Peer Pressure of Friends Who May
Encourage Them to Experiment
With Another Person's Prescription
Drugs, As Well As With Other
Illegal Drugs.*

www.connectwithyourkids.org

*"An ounce of . . . Prevention
Is Worth A Pound of . . . Cure"
- Benjamin Franklin*

Other helpful resources:

www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/consumer_alert.htm

www.ryanscause.org



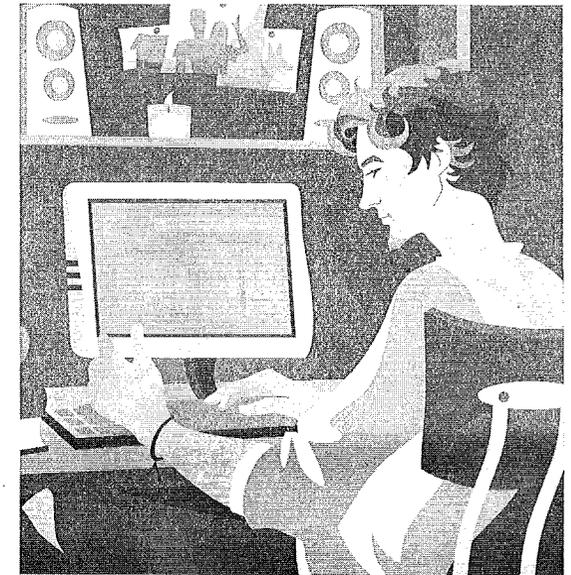
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TALKING WITH YOUR TEEN ABOUT



THE DANGERS OF USING THE INTERNET TO BUY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



A Joint Message from the New Hampshire
Office of the Attorney General and
the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy

*Only buy prescription
drugs from websites
displaying the VIPPS seal*

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) has developed a voluntary program called the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites (VIPPS). To be VIPPS certified, a pharmacy must comply with the licensing and inspection requirements of their State and each State to which they dispense pharmaceuticals. The NABP also provides information on whether a pharmacy is licensed and in good standing (<http://www.napb.net>).



Having controlled substances shipped to the U.S. is illegal unless the purchaser is registered with DEA as an importer and is in compliance with 21 U.S.C. 952, 953 and 954 and 21 CFR part 1312. Some foreign Internet sites claim they can legally sell these controlled substances; other sites, knowing that such shipments are illegal, advise consumers of ways to avoid having the packages seized by U.S. Customs.

CAUTION:

Shipping drugs over
state lines
may be illegal!

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health identifies painkillers as the most common pharmaceutical used by teens, especially younger teens. 11% of teens have reported non-medical use of pain relievers. Federal law prohibits buying controlled substances such as narcotic pain relievers (e.g. OxyContin®, Vicodin®, Percocet®) without a valid prescription from your doctor.



The National Survey on Drug Use and Health reports that stimulant abuse is more common among older teens and college students than among younger teens. 4% of teens have reported non-medical use of stimulants. Federal law prohibits buying controlled substances such as stimulants (e.g. Dexedrine®, Ritalin®, Adderall®, Concerta®, phentermine, phendimetrazine) without a valid prescription from your doctor.



Misuse and abuse of sedatives is a growing problem for teens in New Hampshire and in the United States. Federal law prohibits buying controlled substances such as sedatives (e.g. Xanax®, Ambien®, Valium®, Librium®) without a valid prescription from your doctor.



TALK TO YOUR TEEN

While you may be aware of the following points, your teen needs you to explain each point to him or her:

- ✓ Prescription drugs should only be taken under the order of a physician.
- ✓ Prescription drugs should never be given to anyone other than for whom they were prescribed.
- ✓ Experimenting with prescription drugs can be just as dangerous as taking illegal street drugs – and possibly FATAL.
- ✓ Trying to obtain or using a controlled substance without a prescription is against the law.
- ✓ Supplying false information to purchase prescriptions over the internet for controlled substances (such as painkillers, stimulants, and/or tranquilizers) is against the law.
- ✓ Possessing or selling controlled substances is against the law.
- ✓ Using someone else's credit card (including your parents' card) to purchase drugs over the internet without permission is against the law.
- ✓ Even teens breaking the law may go to prison.
- ✓ Inform your teens that they may be jeopardizing their ability to obtain a federal student loan for college because federal drug violations may render them ineligible.