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Tip of the Month

Buying prescription drugs online – a dangerous game

Consumers purchasing prescription drugs online may falsely believe that they have been reviewed for safety, efficacy and quality by Health Canada.

Families should be reminded that:

- No assurance exists that claims made on the internet are reliable.
- Counterfeit drugs may contain incorrect doses, wrong or no active ingredients, or dangerous additives.
- Prescription drugs should be taken only after being examined or monitored by a physician or pharmacist to prevent inappropriate treatment and the risk for drug interactions or harmful side effects.
- The name of the drugs taken, their usual colour, size and shape should be known.
- Any concerns should be discussed with a physician or pharmacist immediately.

For more information: "Health Canada Reminds Consumers About the Risks of Buying Drugs Online."

***Please report all serious
adverse drug reactions (ADRs).***