

Is it safe to buy your prescription drugs on-line?

Dear Attorney General Kline:
I take several prescription drugs on a regular basis. Since I don't get around as well as I once did, I've been considering buying some of them on-line and having them mailed to me at my home. Is it safe to buy prescriptions this way?

Dear Kansas Consumer:
The Internet is considered the world's largest shopping mall where you can purchase anything and everything, including prescription medications. However, many companies with web sites offering prescription medications are not properly licensed to do so in the State of Kansas.

When choosing an on-line pharmacy, there are several things to consider. Make sure that the pharmacy is registered with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. You can verify that information by calling 785-296-4056.

The pharmacy you select should require a prescription from your doctor, who must be licensed to practice medicine in Kansas by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts. The pharmacy should also require prescriptions to be sent by your doctor or local pharmacy by mail, fax or by phone.

In addition, the pharmacy should offer a full range of prescription medications, and not just the ones that have received media attention such as Viagra, Propecia, Meridia or Phentermine.

There are several "red flags" you should watch out for:

- Web sites that offer a limited range of prescription medications,



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usually the ones that have received large amounts of media attention.

- Web sites that ask you to agree to a "Waiver of Liability," waiving all your legal rights. Consumers should never agree to a waiver of liability in order to receive prescription drugs.
- Web sites that do not have a Veri-

fied Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites seal on the web site. To be VIPPS certified, a pharmacy must comply with the licensing and inspection requirements of its state and each state to which it dispenses pharmaceuticals. The seal also indicates compliance with criteria established by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, including patients' right to privacy.

- Web sites that make ordering prescription medication as easy and discreet as completing an on-line

application and then say that a doctor will review your application. Without further information, you do not know who the doctor is or where he or she is licensed to practice medicine, if at all; and no physician may ever contact you.

All prescription medications have serious and sometimes fatal side effects if taken by people with certain conditions. Not having a doctor actually give you an in-person physical before prescribing

these medications is dangerous and against the law.

For your safety and health, all prescription medications can only be prescribed by a physician who has developed a physician/patient relationship with you which includes an in-person physical examination. Any company that tries to circumvent these basic laws does not have your best interests at heart.

Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you

avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.

For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., Second Floor, Topeka, Kan. 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-432-2310.

public notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Evelyn Armstrong, Deceased

Case No. 05PR16

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Robert L. Armstrong, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Evelyn Armstrong, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will and "Valid Settlement Agreement" be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the court find the allowances requested for attorneys and guardian ad litem fees and expenses are reasonable and

should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts, the Petitioner be finally discharged from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January, 31, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the district court, Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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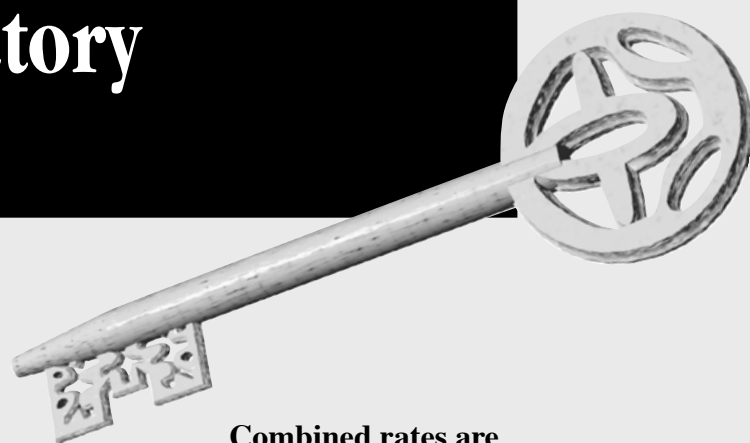
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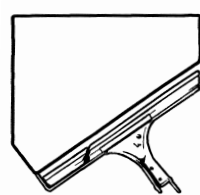
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