

University of Miami Medical Campus Crime Summary Report March 2009

****Tip of the Month****

DON'T PUT YOUR HEALTH IN THE HANDS OF CROOKS

It couldn't be easier—ordering prescription drugs online with a few clicks of the mouse and having them delivered right to your door, without ever having to see a doctor.

But is it safe? Is it legal? Often not. And you need to know the risks.

Yes, there are plenty of legitimate U.S. pharmaceutical companies and pharmacies (including online ones) that follow all the laws and regulations and put public safety first.

But there are many that don't—they are just out to make a fast buck at your expense. These shady businesses fill orders without prescriptions. They pay doctors just to take a quick glance at your brief medical questionnaire. They don't know if you are drug-addicted, underage, or have another condition that their medications could make worse. And they don't care.

Worse yet, the products they peddle are questionable, at best. The drugs may be way past their expiration date. They may be counterfeit, mislabeled, adulterated, or contaminated. And they may well be made from suspect raw materials in underground laboratories in the U.S. and abroad, far from the safety-conscious eyes of the Food and Drug Administration.

Part of the problem is that these illegal pharmacies are all over the Internet. More than 80,000 "portal" websites currently sell ad space for these medications and link to one of more than 1,400 "anchor" websites that allow customers to place orders through illegal pharmacies. You don't even have to search for these offers—they often come straight to your inbox as e-mail spam, enticing you with a cornucopia of drugs on the cheap.

Are there ways to tell whether an online pharmacy is legal? Definitely and here's what to look for. Legitimate pharmacies:

- Require a prescription from a licensed doctor, usually by mail (if they accept a fax copy, they will always call your doctor to verify the prescription);
- Make you submit a detailed medical history;
- Clearly state their payment, privacy, and shipping fees on their sites; and
- Use secure or encrypted website connections for transactions.

Many legitimate online pharmacies are also certified by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy—check its website for a listing. Bear in mind, some of the larger Internet pharmacies may not be certified because of their already well-recognized names.

Thefts

03/05 UM Hospital and Clinics

Contractor left a Fluke multi-digital meter unattended in a 2nd floor room while retrieving items from his vehicle. When he returned the item was gone. Item valued at \$250.00

03/05 Fox Cancer Research Building

Employee reported that two checks were torn out of her check book left in a desk drawer in a 4th floor office. The checks were made out to total \$2,000.00 and deposited. The perpetrator was identified and the money returned. (Solved)

03/06 Batchelor Children's Research Institute

Physical Plant employee reported that a small bucket containing sockets for a ratchet wrench was missing from a 6th floor mechanical room.

03/06 Fox Cancer Research Building

Employee reported that her wedding ring set was missing from a secured drawer and office on the 4th floor. The items were valued at \$2,000.00. The rings were accounted for and it was determined they were not stolen. (Solved)

03/09 Fred Cowell Mall

Security observed on video a male cutting the lock off a bicycle in the bike rack. Security officers responded and detained the male until the arrival of Miami Police. The male was arrested for theft. (Solved)

03/11 Batchelor Children's Research Institute

Employee reported that an easel left on the 1st floor to display a poster was missing. The poster was left on the floor.

03/11 Sylvester Cancer Center Deerfield Beach

Employee reported that two cases of beverages were missing from a 1st floor waiting area.

03/17 Sylvester Cancer Center Deerfield Beach

Several reports were received regarding missing Directv smart cards from televisions in the building. Security investigator determined the cards were expired and in the process of being replaced. (Solved)

03/18 Mailman Center

Physical Plant employee reported that a grease gun left on the 5th floor was missing when he returned.

03/19 Clinical Research Building

Physician reported that a new Sprint Palm Treo cell phone was taken from her purse left in her office on the 9th floor. The item was valued at \$500.00.

03/24 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Employee reported that her wallet was taken from her purse left in an unsecured desk in an unsecured 4th floor office. Wallet contained ten dollars cash, credit card and Metrorail pass.

03/30 Sylvester Cancer Center

Patient reported that she was asked to remove a gold necklace prior to having an x-ray and place it in a cabinet. The patient forgot to retrieve the necklace and when she returned it was missing. The item was valued at \$1,000.00.

Assault

03/17 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

A male and female were involved in a physical altercation in the valet area at the front entrance. Miami Police responded and arrested the male.

Burglary

None

Vehicle Incidents

03/09 Jackson Medical Towers Garage

Employee reported that the rear passenger side window was broken out of his vehicle parked on the 3rd floor. Nothing was missing from the vehicle.

03/13 Sylvester Cancer Center

Visitor reported that there was minor damage to her car when it was returned by the valet.

03/16 14th Street Garage

Employee struck another employee who was backing out of a space on the 5th floor. Minor damage and no injuries.

03/25 Sylvester Cancer Center

Contractor struck another vehicle while leaving the valet lot. Minor damage.

03/30 Sylvester Cancer Center Deerfield Beach

Visitor pulling into a space struck the concrete parking block causing minor damage.

Trespassers

03/01 Hope Lodge

Security observed a suspicious male in the rear parking lot. The male quickly departed when he observed the security officer.

03/03 Clinical Research Building

Security observed a suspicious male on the south side of the building. The male was observed leaving the area.

03/04 Dominion Garage

Security observed a male on the 8th floor looking into vehicles. The male was escorted out of the building.

03/04 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security observed a male attempting to open a security door. The male was contacted and advised to leave the area.

03/04 Dominion Garage

Security called to a ground floor restaurant regarding a male refusing to leave. The male was contacted and left the building without incident.

03/06 Park Plaza West

Security observed a male annoying employees enroute to work on the south sidewalk. Security followed the individual until he left the property.

03/09 Biomedical Research Building

Security dispatched to the northeast corner of the building regarding a suspicious female. The female was contacted and escorted away from the building.

03/09 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security observed two males, acting suspiciously, enter the 1st floor restroom. The area was checked and the males were gone. They were later located in the 6th floor restroom and escorted out of the building.

03/11 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security observed a suspicious male enter the building and proceed to the 6th floor. Security contacted the male and determined that he had no reason to be in the building and he was escorted out.

03/12 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security dispatched to the receiving area regarding a suspicious male loitering in the area. The male was contacted and left the area.

03/19 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security notified of a disruptive male on the 2nd floor. The male left the building without incident.

30/19 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security observed a suspicious male in the 1st floor food court. When confronted the male became combative. The male made several attempts to enter the building Miami Police notified. The male left the area prior to arrival of the police.

03/19 UM Hospital and Clinics

Security responded to a report of a male hiding in the bushes on the east side of the building. A male was observed walking away from a trash container. The male was escorted away from the property.

03/22 Rosenstiel Medical Science Building

Security discovered a male sleeping in the bushes on the north side of the building. The male left the area.

03/22 Calder Library

Library staff advised of a male picking through trash receptacle near the front entrance. The male, a known trespasser, was advised to leave the area.

03/23 Schoneninger Research Quadrangle

Security observed a male soliciting for money and escorted him off the property.

03/24 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Security discovered a known male trespasser attempting to avoid detection by using the stairs. The male was contacted and escorted out of the building.

03/24 Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Known trespasser was causing a disturbance on the 2nd floor. Contacted by security and escorted out of the building.

03/25 UM Hospital and Clinics

Administrator observed a suspicious female in the Au Bon Pain Restaurant. The female was escorted out of the building.

03/31 Diabetes Research Institute

Security advised of a suspicious male in front of the building. The male was contacted and left the area.

Escorts

University of Miami Security Officers provided escorts to any place on campus, including Metrorail. We encourage you to use this service when walking alone and particularly after hours. Security Officers will meet you at your work location and escort you safely to your vehicle, Metrorail, or any other building on campus. Call 243-6079 to request an escort. You may be able to reduce your waiting time if you call a few minutes before you are ready to leave.

During March, security officers provided 314 escorts with an average waiting time of 4:33 minutes.

General Information

FREE SECURITY SURVEYS or CRIME PREVENTION SEMINARS

Conducted on an individual or group basis. To make an appointment or to request information, call Lee Michaud, Crime Prevention & Training Manager at 243-5084.

CRIME TIP HOTLINE (243-6280)

Caller can remain anonymous. All information kept confidential. Ask for Craig Hopkins, Investigator at 243-6280.