

How to Avoid Counterfeit Electrical Goods Infographic



THE IMPORTANCE OF: **REBUILDING & RENOVATING SAFELY**



HOW TO AVOID **COUNTERFEIT ELECTRICAL GOODS** PREVENTING A DEADLY MISTAKE



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► **PURCHASING COUNTERFEITS HAS CONSEQUENCES**



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► **COUNTERFEIT'S UNINTENTIONAL CONSEQUENCES**

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► **HOW TO AVOID COUNTERFEITS**



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from **trusted**
sources.



Check electrical
manufacturers website
to find authorized
retailers and distributors.



Only purchase items
that have been
tested and **marked**
by UL, ETL, or CSA.



Products and packing with
typos or **misspellings**
have a high likelihood of
being counterfeit.



Only use **licensed**,
insured, and **bonded**
contractors that will
stand behind their
work.

► **HOW TO REPORT COUNTERFEITS:** Visit IPRCenter.gov or ESFI.org to report counterfeits.

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Purchasing Counterfeits Has Consequences:

Counterfeits:

- Have low quality components
- Are unregulated and untested
- Unsafe and not backed by a manufacturer warranty
- Could lead to identity theft if purchased from a non-reputable vendor

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How to Avoid Counterfeits

- Only purchase from trusted sources
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- Only use licensed, insured, and bonded contractors that will stand behind their work