

How to Avoid Counterfeit Electrical Goods Infographic



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



HOW TO AVOID

COUNTERFEIT ELECTRICAL GOODS

PREVENTING A DEADLY MISTAKE



Using **qualified electricians** and purchasing from **reputable distributors and retailers** gives you: safety, security, and the backing of the manufacturer.

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Could lead to **identity theft** if purchased from non-reputable vendor

► COUNTERFEIT'S UNINTENTIONAL CONSEQUENCES

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► HOW TO AVOID COUNTERFEITS



Only purchase 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:

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- Are unregulated and untested
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