



# Social, ethical and health consequences of counterfeiting

## 1 Environmental impact

Toxic dyes and chemicals disposed of unlawfully and unregulated air pollution are just ways that counterfeiting can contribute to environmental harm.



## 2 Labor exploitation

As jobs in counterfeit goods can be unregulated and low paid, workers are placed in a vulnerable position and are not granted the same form of protection as in the more regulated employment market.



## 3 Threat to public safety

From children's toys to car parts, alcohol to agricultural tools and clothes to cosmetics, counterfeit goods pose a serious risk to public health and safety. With no legal regulation and very little recourse, consumers are at risk from unsafe and ineffective products.

