The prevalence of counterfeit products has increased over 10,000% in the past two decades.

Cell phones comprised about 1/3 of the counterfeit consumer electronics seized at US borders.

470,000 counterfeit smartphone batteries were recalled in 2010 because they overheated, causing burn and fire hazards.

In 2011, China was the source of over 80% of the seizures for violations of intellectual property rights, and has been the leading source for each of the ten years prior.

Counterfeiting costs U.S. businesses between $200-$250 billion every year and results in 750,000 lost jobs.

Counterfeiting profits have been traced to organized crime and terrorism.

Tax revenue lost from counterfeit products reduces funding for things like:

- Hospitals
- Roads
- Police
- Schools

In 2012 U.S. Customs made 22,848 seizures of counterfeit and pirated goods. These goods were valued at more than $1.26 billion.

Online sales of counterfeit products will soon surpass the volume sold in physical markets.