



Selling or swapping WIC checks or foods is against the law.

It's illegal to sell or swap WIC checks, or foods bought with WIC checks, such as infant formula.

Sell or swap and you could:

- Be removed from the WIC Program.
- Be required to repay the WIC Program.
- Face legal action against you.

Save your receipts if you buy **extra** infant formula, on top of what you receive from your WIC checks. Receipts will help you prove that the WIC Program did not pay for any formula you sold. If you have extra formula that you purchased with WIC checks, return it to your local agency.

Buying and Selling Infant Formula on the Internet is a Bad Idea!

Why? It may not be safe.

- *Sellers often change the use-by date to make the formula seem fresher.* Each container of infant formula has a use-by date. Formula used after that date could make your child sick. Some people may not know they are selling formula after the use-by date, but some do.
- *Old formula is often put in new packages to make it look new.* It's especially common for basic infant formula to be stolen and repackaged. It's made to look like expensive, **special** formula for children with certain health problems. Children with health problems who drink the wrong formula can become very sick or die.
- *Formula may have been stored the wrong way.* Very cold or very hot temperatures can harm formula. If it is kept in temperatures like what you feel in a car on cold or hot days, it won't be good to use. People who sell formula on the internet can get in trouble with the law if a child gets sick from formula they sell.

NYS WIC Fraud Hotline: 877-282-6657

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