

ABORTION

in Texas

WHAT IF I SEE A HEARTBEAT?

In Texas, once a heartbeat has been detected, abortion is prohibited by law.

WHAT IF I DON'T SEE A HEARTBEAT?

There are many reasons why a woman can have a positive pregnancy test and a heartbeat cannot be detected on a sonogram.

- You may be too early in pregnancy for a heartbeat to be detected.
- You may not have a viable pregnancy. About 10 to 20 percent of known pregnancies end in miscarriage. (1)
- If you don't have a viable pregnancy an abortion may be unnecessary.
- Obtain another scan in a few days/ a week to confirm you are pregnant.

WHAT IF I GO TO THE ABORTION CLINIC?

Effective September 1, 2021, once a heartbeat is detected, an abortion can't be performed in Texas. (2)

The abortion provider is required to perform a sonogram 24 hours prior to the administration of an abortion (some exceptions may apply) and must attempt to record a fetal heartbeat. If you are seeking an abortion at a clinic and they find a heartbeat but still complete an abortion, they are in violation of the law.

If the clinic says that a heartbeat is not present, then an abortion procedure may not be necessary. You can follow up with your local medical provider for continuing care.

WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO HELP ME GET AN ABORTION?

Texas now says that any person(s) who knowingly aids or abets in any abortion, after a heartbeat is detected, can be held liable in a civil suit.

This can be the abortion doctor or nurse, but also your friend or boyfriend who provides transportation to the abortion or pays for the abortion.

1: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/pregnancy-loss-miscarriage/symptoms-causes/syc-20354298>

2: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/SB00008F.pdf>

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WHAT IF I BUY THE ABORTION PILLS ONLINE?

The online sale of abortion medication is prohibited by law in Texas. Before seeking an abortion by taking pills, Texas law requires you to have a sonogram 24 hours before starting the medication. This must be done in person by the physician providing the chemical abortion.(1)

WHAT IF I TAKE THE PILL AND CHANGE MY MIND?

The abortion pill is a 2-part process. If you begin the chemical abortion process and have only taken the first pill, you can still change your mind.

Call 877-558-0333 to begin to reverse the abortion pill effects as soon as possible.

WHAT IF I START BLEEDING OR HAVE PAIN?

Bleeding is a normal part of the abortion process. However, if you are bleeding heavily (soaking 2 pads an hour for longer than 2 hours) you should go to your closest emergency room for immediate care.

Cramping and discomfort is normal during a chemical abortion. If you have pain that is more than what you experience with your periods or that is sharp pain, you should go to your nearest emergency room for immediate care.

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAD AN ABORTION?

You are not alone! Sometimes it is hard to talk about the feelings that can happen after an abortion. Some women feel relief and some feel regret. We are here for you no matter what you are feeling. Let us know how you are and how we can help.

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