

Wondering if the abortion pill is an option for your situation? Before seeking the abortion pill, there are three things you need to know to protect your health and safety:



Details of your pregnancy



Eligibility for the abortion pill



Risks of the abortion pill

DETAILS OF YOUR PREGNANCY

Abortion drugs are only [FDA-approved](#) through the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. Taking them beyond this point puts you at greater risk of experiencing complications. An ultrasound can provide you with vital information you need before taking abortion pills, including your pregnancy's gestational age, health, and location in the body. Ectopic pregnancies implant and grow outside the uterus, have no chance of survival, and must be removed as soon as possible.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ABORTION PILL

Abortion drugs aren't an option for every woman. If you meet any of the following criteria, you aren't eligible for the abortion pill:

- Too far along in your pregnancy (over 10 weeks).
- Have an intrauterine device (IUD) in place.
- Have a suspected ectopic pregnancy.
- Certain medical conditions, including bleeding disorders, certain heart or blood vessel diseases, severe liver, kidney, or lung disease, or have an uncontrolled seizure disorder.
- Take a blood thinner or certain steroid medications.
- Can't make follow-up visits to your provider or emergency care.
- Have an allergy to the medication used.

This list is not exhaustive, which is why it is essential to speak with a medical provider to review your health history before seeking abortion drugs.

RISKS OF THE ABORTION PILL

Abortion drugs come with [risks](#), which include:

- Incomplete abortion, which is when parts of the terminated pregnancy remain in the uterus.
- An ongoing pregnancy if the procedure does not work.
- Heavy & prolonged bleeding.
- Infection.
- Fever.
- Digestive system discomfort.

Although these risks can be rare, you are more likely to experience complications if you take abortion pills while meeting any of the ineligible criteria listed above.

NEXT STEPS

Before ordering abortion pills, find free pregnancy resource services in your area. Type your [zip code](#) into our provider finder to discover free pregnancy support locations near you.

Remember, the Food and Drug Administration warns against purchasing the abortion pill online. While it is illegal in Texas for distributors to send abortion drugs by mail, under state law women will not be punished for seeking an abortion.