

## ARE YOU CHOOSING ABORTION BECAUSE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE?

**THAT'S NOT RIGHT.**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHOICE:

No one can force you to have an abortion, even  
if you are a minor.

Your parents cannot force you to have an  
abortion against your will.

Your partner cannot force you either.

### It's **YOUR** choice.

You have the right to make every decision  
without coercion from others.



## IF SOMEONE IS FORCING YOU TO HAVE AN ABORTION, SEEK LEGAL HELP

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## PATIENT RIGHTS

## ABORTION HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKLIST

# WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE GETTING AN ABORTION

## Patient's Rights Checklist

You have the right:

- ☐ To talk beforehand to the doctor performing or prescribing your abortion.
- ☐ To a full and accurate description of the abortion procedure you are about to undergo.
- ☐ To know all the potential risks and complications of the abortion procedure/prescription – i.e. bleeding, pain, perforation, and other side-effects.
- ☐ To know information about the doctor performing the abortion - i.e. current license, hospital privileges, history of malpractice claims or suspended license.
- ☐ To be treated with dignity in a safe and sanitary environment.
- ☐ To obtain a second opinion.
- ☐ To ask questions and to change your mind, even at the last minute.
- ☐ To get a copy of your medical records.
- ☐ To ask what hospital you would be sent to if a complication arises.
- ☐ To confidentiality and privacy.

WHATEVER YOU DECIDE,  
YOUR DECISION NEEDS TO BE AN INFORMED ONE.



For your safety and health, your decision should be made with *complete* and *accurate* information.

You should *not* feel *pressured* to make a quick decision.

You have *time* to make an informed choice.

Use this form as a checklist.  
Mark off each item to make sure you have explored all the information to make this important health decision.

If you are unsure of any of these answers, please contact us.

*We are here for you.*

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## Decision Guide

- ☐ Have you had an ultrasound to confirm how far along your pregnancy is and to determine which abortion procedure you will need?
- ☐ Has your pregnancy been confirmed by a licensed physician?
- ☐ If not, you may not even be pregnant. Have you been tested for an STI?
- ☐ If not, do you know the additional risks of the abortion procedure if you have an STI?
- ☐ Do you understand which abortion procedure will be performed on you?
- ☐ Have you asked the clinic what happens in case something goes wrong during the procedure?
- ☐ Have you asked the clinic if their doctor has hospital privileges in case of complications that would require you to go to the hospital?
- ☐ Are you aware of the possible emotional side-effects of abortion?
- ☐ Do you know it is ok for you to change your mind and withdraw your consent at any time before the procedure, even if you are on the exam table?