



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

An ultrasound is a simple scan that can help determine the age and location of your pregnancy — key details that are needed before taking the abortion pill.

This is because the abortion drugs are only [FDA-approved](#) through the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. If you take the drugs later in pregnancy, it puts you at a greater risk of experiencing complications.

An ultrasound can tell you:



Your pregnancy's gestational age



The location of your pregnancy (Not ectopic)



If your pregnancy is viable and progressing** (You haven't miscarried)

DETAILS OF YOUR PREGNANCY

The 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 ([check all that apply](#)):



- Are too far along in your pregnancy
- Have an intrauterine device (IUD) currently in place
- Have a suspected ectopic pregnancy
- Have certain medical conditions, including bleeding disorders, certain heart or blood vessel diseases, severe liver, kidney, or lung disease, or an uncontrolled seizure disorder
- Take a blood thinner or certain steroid medicines
- Can't make follow-up visits to your provider or don't have access to emergency care
- Have an allergy to the medicine used

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

RISKS OF THE ABORTION PILL

The 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 doesn't work
- Heavy and prolonged bleeding
- Infection
- Fever
- Digestive system discomfort

While these risks can be rare, you're more likely to experience a complication if you take the abortion drugs while being ineligible (you checked any of the boxes in the above section).

ADDITIONAL SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- **Presence of STI/STDs** - Get tested before abortion.
- **Abortion Pill Provider** - The FDA warns against purchasing the abortion pill online.
- **Legality** - Abortion is illegal in Texas. While it is illegal for distributors to send you the abortion drugs by mail, you will not be held criminally or civilly liable if you pursue this option.

NEXT STEPS

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

