

INSTRUCTIONS & RESOURCES

HOW TO USE



WHAT TO EXPECT:

How to Tell if it's Working:

• Expect cramping and bleeding, which will get more intense as the process continues.

• The process will be painful. Some people report pain that's similar to a heavy period and others report severe pain. Both are normal.

• Clots of tissue may be expelled from the body. The process typically takes 6-10 hours, but times can vary widely.

Common Mifepristone Side Effects:

• Side effects from mifepristone are minimal but can include nausea, dizziness, or very light bleeding.

Common Misoprostol Side Effects:

- Nausea
- Shivering/chills
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Headache

AFTERCARE:

- It is normal to experience off-and-on bleeding similar to a heavy or light period for 4-6 weeks.
- It could take 4-6 weeks for a period to return.
- Mucus-like vaginal discharge is common.
- It is normal to experience a range of strong emotions, or no emotions at all. The body will be adjusting to a fluctuation of hormones.
- Urine pregnancy tests may give a false positive for weeks after an abortion (due to lingering hormones). Wait 6-8 weeks before testing to confirm.
- The biggest indication that the abortion was successful is if pregnancy symptoms have gone away.

MIFEPRISTONE + MISOPROSTOL ABORTION:

ABORTION PILLS ARE SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND EASY TO USE!

You can end a pregnancy with pills by taking the medications mifepristone and misoprostol together. You can also end a pregnancy with misoprostol on its own. Both methods are safe and effective. Instructions for both are included.

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Calculate how many weeks pregnant you are by visiting [DueDateCalculator.com](https://www.duedatecalculator.com).

FYI: Each provider packages abortion pills differently and quantities may vary. Pills may come in blister packs, bottles, or loose in baggies; they may be 6-sided, round, or oval in shape. They can be white or yellow in color. You may receive anywhere from four to twelve tablets of misoprostol, but you may not need to use them all. Many early abortions only require four misoprostol. However, sometimes more is required to complete the abortion.

PREPARATION:

The following suggestions can make your experience easier:

Plan the timing of medication doses before starting the process.

Take the day off when using misoprostol. Seek alternative arrangements for childcare.

Ibuprofen (avoid aspirin)

Anti-nausea medication (such as Dramamine or Pepto-Bismol)

Anti-diarrheal medication (such as Imodium AD)

Heavy-flow maxi pads

Heating pads or something warm to ease cramping pain

Water to stay hydrated

Comfortable, loose clothes

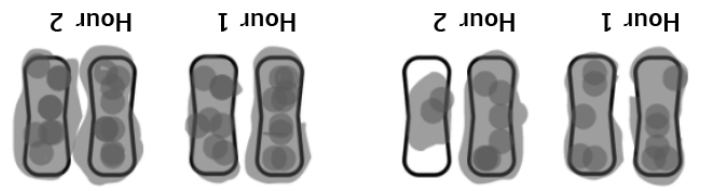
Ask a trusted friend to support you and your needs for the day.

A plan for which hospital to go to in an emergency, and what you will say to the staff.

Remember you **NEVER** have to tell medical staff that you've taken abortion pills, and doing so might be legally risky. You can simply say, "I'm bleeding abnormally and think something is wrong." **THERE IS CURRENTLY NO WAY TO DETECT ABORTION MEDICATION IF TAKEN ORALLY.** The treatment for a miscarriage and an abortion are the same. You'll get the appropriate care even if you don't mention taking pills.

ABNORMAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Soaking 2 or more heavy-flow maxi pads in an hour for 2 hours in a row. Soaking means saturated top to bottom and side to side. This is rare but will require an immediate visit to the hospital.



Tip: Place an empty trash bag next to the toilet for used pads and empty it every 2 hours to monitor bleeding.

Call or text the Miscarriage + Abortion Hotline at (833) 246-2632 or visit [MaHotline.org](https://www.MaHotline.org) for guidance if no blood is expelled after taking all medications. Call or text if pregnancy side effects do not diminish within a few days or worsen.

SIGNS OF AN INFECTION:

- Chills and a fever of 101° F or higher in the days following an abortion.
- Severe pain or cramping after the abortion that is not helped with pain medication.
- Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea that lasts more than 24 hours.
- Vaginal discharge that is itchy, painful, or smells bad.

FIND ABORTION PILL SOURCES:

[PlanCPills.org](https://www.PlanCPills.org)

GET INVOLVED IN ABORTION ADVOCACY:

[ShoutYourAbortion.com](https://www.ShoutYourAbortion.com)

