

FLORIDA'S EXTREME ABORTION BAN

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW & FAQ

CURRENT STATUS:

Florida currently has a near-total abortion ban in effect, making it virtually impossible for most people to access an abortion in Florida.

When did this extreme abortion ban go into effect in Florida?

May 1, 2024

Who does the abortion ban affect?

This dangerous abortion ban will impact you or anyone you know needing access to an abortion in Florida.

I've heard it called a "6-week abortion ban," does that mean that I can access an abortion up to six weeks after learning I'm pregnant?

No. This extreme ban outlaws abortion before many people even realize they are pregnant, and often before a pregnancy can be detected on an ultrasound.

Can I access an abortion up to six weeks after I was impregnated (conception)?

No. This extreme ban starts the clock on the first day of your last menstrual period, not from conception. Under Florida law, you are considered "6 weeks pregnant" about two weeks after you have missed your period if your periods are regular. It will be virtually impossible for most people to obtain the two state-mandated in-person doctor appointments, which must be at least 24 hours apart, in order to have an abortion.

What if I don't know I'm pregnant within that time frame?

It will be virtually impossible for most people to access an abortion in Florida if they don't know they are pregnant within this time frame. The vast majority of people will be forced to carry pregnancies and give birth against their will or forced to travel hundreds of miles out of state to get the care they need. If you or someone you know needs an abortion, more information is available at [IneedanA.com](https://www.IneedanA.com).

Does Florida's abortion ban apply to medication abortions (the abortion pill) as well as the abortion procedure?

Yes.

Under Florida's abortion ban, is it a crime for abortion medication pills to be sent through the mail?

Yes. Florida's extreme abortion ban requires that abortion medication be dispensed in person by a physician and not through the mail.

Does Florida's abortion ban have exceptions for victims of rape, incest, and human trafficking to get an abortion?

Florida's near-total abortion ban makes it extremely difficult for survivors of rape, incest and human trafficking to access an abortion in Florida. Under the near-total ban, survivors of rape, incest, and human trafficking are required to provide documentation of their assault, and if they don't, they will be forced to carry and give birth to their attacker's child against their will. There are no exceptions for rape, incest or human trafficking after the fifteenth week of pregnancy.

Are there exceptions in the law to protect the health of a pregnant patient?

The exceptions are unworkable and endanger patients' health, safety, and future fertility. Already, there have been several horrific instances of pregnant women with wanted pregnancies being forced to wait until they are on the brink of death in order to get the care they need or being forced to carry doomed pregnancies to term.

Does Florida law criminalize abortion or just prohibit it?

Florida's extreme ban makes it a felony crime for doctors to perform an abortion, with criminal penalties of up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$5,000 for violating this ban.

Where can I find additional resources?

Visit [IneedanA.com](https://www.needanA.com) for up-to-date information on where you can safely access abortion services.