



## **Stop Abortion Pill Mills from Harming Women in Florida**

Online abortion pill sales have significantly increased the rate of serious injury and death for women.

- 63% of abortions are now completed with the abortion pill regimen.
- 1 in 25 women visit the ER after taking the abortion pill. <sup>1</sup>
- 1 in 10 women experience serious adverse events. <sup>2</sup>
- At least 26 deaths reported to the FDA after abortion pill use. <sup>1</sup>
- 6% require surgery after abortion pill use. <sup>1</sup>
- 39% of 2nd trimester chemical abortions wind up in the ER and will need surgical follow-up due to hemorrhaging or incomplete abortion. <sup>3</sup>
- The complication rate is 4 times that of surgical abortion. <sup>3</sup>
- Women are three times more likely to have mental health visits and twice as likely to abuse alcohol or drugs. <sup>3 & 11</sup>

---

A decline in surgical abortions does not indicate fewer abortions – it only reflects that ACHA reporting does not include the most prevalent form of abortion access today – online abortion pill providers.

---

**The Florida Legislature has the power and authority to require ACHA to improve abortion reporting and comply with enforcement of Florida health laws.**

- Report the number of chemical abortions obtained by all manner of order, delivery, and prescription to women in Florida, including ordering online, telehealth, and other methods.
- Report the rates of injury and death, including mental illness and substance abuse, related to each type of abortion procedure, surgical and chemical.
- Provide reports of abortions by gestational age, especially 6 weeks - 12 weeks.
- Report on the disposition of babies born alive during an abortion procedure.

It is time to act! The rates of injury and harm are rising to those of the 2003 - 2009 opioid pill mills.<sup>9</sup>

**P O Box 3460; Tallahassee, Florida 32315 (850) 270-7335 [pafr florida@gmail.com](mailto:pafr florida@gmail.com)**

Florida ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> in the country for abortion reporting. <sup>10</sup>

Let's make Florida a national leader in caring for women!

---

### **Abortion Pill Mills Violate Florida Law**

1. Sites offer abortion pills/period pills past six weeks, zero days. F.S. 390.0111
  - a. Stated time frames vary by website from 11 weeks, zero days to 14 weeks.
2. Sites provide advanced delivery of abortion pills/period pills, which makes the likelihood of an in-person medical visit less likely.
  - a. Florida law requires an in-person medical examination prior to abortion. F.S. 390.0111(2)
  - b. Women's judicial rights may be sidestepped in cases of rape, incest, or human trafficking. F.S. 390.0111
3. Telehealth appointments are the highest level of medical care provided prior to dispensing of the abortion pills/period pills from websites.
  - a. Abortion via telehealth appointment is not legal in Florida. F.S. 390.0111(2)(3)
  - b. Websites offer text, phone/hotline calls, email, chats via app, and/or FAQs as medical resources.
  - c. Limitations disclosed, "If traveling to another state to receive telehealth care, the provider will not be able to provide care to you if you tell them you have returned to the restrictive state." \*
4. It is unclear whether abortion pill/period pill websites are complying with Termination of Pregnancy Reporting. F.S. 390.0112
5. Parental consent can be easily avoided by self-identifying as age 18 or older. Three of the four sites require the buyer to be 16. One site does not outline an age restriction.

### **Abortion Pill Mills Put Women at Increased Health Risk**

1. Abortion Pill websites do not comply with FDA recommendations and advisories.
  - a. The FDA recommends use of the abortion pill/period pill for 10 weeks, zero days or less.
    - i. Stated time frames vary by website from 11 weeks, zero days to 14 weeks.
  - b. The FDA recommends purchasing mifepristone with a healthcare provider that is part of the Mifepristone REMS Program – which requires a health care provider Prescriber Agreement Form, Medication Guide, certified prescriber, certified pharmacy, and Patient Agreement Form.
  - c. The FDA advises against online or foreign purchases of mifepristone due to lack of regulatory oversight.
2. Medical care and medical information are limited for women.

- a. “Websites that sell pills do not offer medical support. [The Miscarriage and Abortion Hotline](https://www.plancpills.org/abortion-pill/florida#section_filters/are) provides free, confidential medical information and support by phone and text. Often they can help people address a problem without needing to go to a clinic or hospital.” [https://www.plancpills.org/abortion-pill/florida#section\\_filters/are](https://www.plancpills.org/abortion-pill/florida#section_filters/are)
  - b. Women must seek medical care at an emergency room or physician if complications arise.
3. Incomplete or misleading information is provided regarding appropriate healthcare.
- a. Abortion websites advertise “period pills” rather than calling them abortion pills. <https://www.periodpills.org/>
    - i. Advice includes, “But since a pregnancy is not verified before taking the pills, a person will never know if they were or weren’t stating a pregnancy when they took the pills. ...A person does not need to take pregnancy test to confirm a pregnancy to use missed period pills.”
  - b. Advises withholding the use of abortion pills from healthcare providers. “Your clinician does not need to know that you have used abortion pills to provide appropriate follow up care. Clinicians also can’t tell you’ve taken abortion pills unless you tell them, or if you inserted the misoprostol vaginally and the pills did not fully dissolve. Many people use misoprostol orally to prevent this possible detection.” [https://www.plancpills.org/abortion-pill/florida#section\\_filters](https://www.plancpills.org/abortion-pill/florida#section_filters)
  - c. “Medication abortion is very safe. In fact, it’s safer than many other medicines like penicillin, Tylenol, and Viagra. “ This type of language does not prepare women for the labor they will experience or complications that can arise. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/abortion/the-abortion-pill/how-safe-is-the-abortion-pill>
4. Physical and Emotional Trauma Associated with Chemical Abortion<sup>3 & 11</sup>
- a. Women are three times more likely to have mental health visits and twice as likely to abuse alcohol or drugs.

## Sources

1. Florida Abortion Pill Info - <https://floridaabortionpillinfo.org/>
2. Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) - <https://eppc.org/publication/insurance-data-reveals-one-in-ten-patients-experiences-a-serious-adverse-event/> Abortion Finder - <https://www.abortionfinder.org/abortion-guides-by-state/abortion-in-florida>
3. Charlotte Lozier Institute – “Life After Roe: Chemical Abortion and State Policy”, “Public Health Threat: Chemical Abortion Leads to Significantly Higher Rate of ER Visits”, and National Pregnancy Center Report and collaborative project of the Charlotte Lozier Institute, Care Net, Heartbeat International, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA), and Option Ultrasound Program by Focus on the Family.
4. A Safe-Choice - <https://www.abortionfinder.org/provider/112316-a-safe-choice#state-laws>
5. Abuzz - <https://www.abortionfinder.org/provider/112077-abuzz#FL>
6. Aid Access - <https://www.abortionfinder.org/provider/111514-aid-access#FL>
7. Cambridge Reproductive Health Consultants - <https://www.abortionfinder.org/provider/112182-cambridge-reproductive-health-consultants-the-map#FL>
8. We Take Care of Us - <https://www.abortionfinder.org/provider/112256-we-take-care-of-us#FL>
  - a. \*Plan C - [https://www.plancpills.org/abortion-pill/florida#section\\_filters](https://www.plancpills.org/abortion-pill/florida#section_filters)
9. CDC Drug Overdose Deaths - <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6026a1.htm>
10. Charlotte Lozier Institute – Abortion Reporting: Florida (2024) - [https://lozierinstitute.org/abortion-reporting-florida-2024/#:~:text=Of%20the%2064%2C854%20abortions%20performed,2\).](https://lozierinstitute.org/abortion-reporting-florida-2024/#:~:text=Of%20the%2064%2C854%20abortions%20performed,2).)
11. Charlotte Lozier Institute – Fact Sheet Abortion and Mental Health - chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.congress.gov/118/meeting/house/116708/documents/HMKP-118-ED00-20240110-SD004.pdf