



WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE



# ACCESSING ABORTIONS IN GAUTENG

Know your rights and the facilities to approach for services



## KNOW YOUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

# Accessing Safe *and* Legal Abortions

### **ABORTION (ALSO KNOWN AS TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY) IS LEGAL IN SOUTH AFRICA.**

Yet, most womxn do not know **where** to access safe abortion services, how to obtain information about abortion facilities and whether they are legally entitled to have a free abortion in public health care facilities.

The WLC, together with partners and allies, has put together this pamphlet to ensure that you have basic information about your right to access safe and legal abortion, as well as helping you find your nearest abortion facility.

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The WLC uses the term “womxn” as an intention to be inclusive of all persons who identify themselves as womxn. It further serves as a rejection of patriarchal values attached to the gender binary.



## THE RIGHT TO ACCESS A SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION IS PART OF RIGHT REFERRED TO AS REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS.

**We firmly believe in and agree with the Choice of Termination of Pregnancy Act; the law that deals with abortion and provides that:**

- The decision to have children is part of a womxn's right to access reproductive health care services.
- This includes contraception, termination of pregnancy, as well as sexual education and counselling programmes and services.
- Womxn and girls have the right to be informed of and to have access to safe, effective, affordable and acceptable methods of fertility regulation of their choice.
- Womxn have the right to access appropriate health care services and the government has the responsibility to provide reproductive health care to all, and also to provide safe conditions under which the right of choice can be exercised without fear, harm or stigma.

## HAVING AN ABORTION IN TERMS OF THE LAW IN SOUTH AFRICA



### WHEN CAN YOU GET AN ABORTION?

TIMELINE FOR PREGNANCY:	CONDITIONS:	ABORTION PERFORMED BY:
First 12 weeks of pregnancy	Available on request - no conditions	A doctor, a nurse or a registered midwife
13-20 weeks of pregnancy	Abortion available under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rape or incest</li><li>- Danger to your mental or physical health</li><li>- The fetus is not viable</li><li>- If the pregnancy would significantly affect your economic or social circumstances</li></ul>	A doctor
After 20 weeks of pregnancy	Abortion is only available in limited circumstances, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- If the pregnancy is a danger to your life or the health of the fetus</li></ul>	A doctor



**All womxn have the right to access safe and legal abortions (termination of pregnancy), for free at a government hospital or clinic.**

Before the end of the first 3 months of pregnancy, an abortion can be carried out by a doctor or a trained registered nurse or midwife – therefore making abortion more accessible earlier in the pregnancy.

## IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

**No healthcare worker is legally allowed to refuse an abortion** based on age, profession, nationality, race or any other criteria.

**You also do not need permission from anyone**, including partners or family members, when getting an abortion, even if you are a minor.

**You also have the right to abortion counselling**, which you can request from the healthcare center where you choose to get your abortion.

**To have a free abortion at a public health clinic or hospital:**

- First, you need to go to a local primary healthcare clinic.

- The primary health care clinic must examine you to confirm your pregnancy, provide counselling if asked for and schedule an appointment for the abortion or refer you to another public health clinic or hospital where the abortion can be performed.

### Where else can you go to have a safe abortion?

Private doctors and non-profit organizations who are trained and qualified to perform abortions also provide safe and legal abortions. Private health facilities and organizations do charge fees for this (sometimes thousands of rands).

**An abortion performed by a person who is not trained and unqualified** and has not been designated as an abortion service provider by your provincial Department of Health can be a danger to your health and your life.



## FACILITIES FOR 1ST TRIMESTER (UP TO 12 WEEKS) ABORTIONS IN GAUTENG

NAME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
Bertha Gxowa District Hospital	Cnr Joubert street& Angus Street, Germiston	Ekurhuleni
Esangweni CHC	219 Mpilo street, Esangweni section, Tembisa	Ekurhuleni
Jabulani Dumani CHC	257 Nguza street, Vosloorus	Ekurhuleni

Nokuthela Ngwenya CHC	Vlakfontein Road PO Box 508 Dunnortar 1590	Ekurhuleni
Pholosong Regional Hospital	1067 Indaba Street, Ext 1, Tsakane, Brakpan 1540	Ekurhuleni
Tembisa Regional Hospital	Industry Road, Olifantsfontein, Private bagX7, 1665	Ekurhuleni
Thelle Mogoperane Regional Hospital	12390 Nguza Street, Ext 14, Vosloorus, 1475	Ekurhuleni
Charlotte Maxeke Hospital	Jubilee rd, Parktown	Johannesburg
Chiawelo CHC	1743, Rihlapu street, Soweto	Johannesburg
Hillbrow CHC	Cnr. Klein and Smit street	Johannesburg
South Rand District Hospital	No. 1 Cnr Friars Hill & Klipriviersberg Street, Rosettenville, 2130	Johannesburg
Stretford CHC	Plot no. 15573 ext 4 Orange Farm	Johannesburg
Zola CHC	780/3 Bendile Road, Zola, 1868	Johannesburg
Heidelberg District Hospital	Cnr H.F. Verwoerd & Hospital Street, Heidelberg, 1438	Sedibeng
Johan Heyns CHC	Cnr Frikkie Meyer & Pasteur, Boulevard, Vandebijlpark, 1911	Sedibeng
Dr George Mukhari Hospital Academic Hospital	3111 Setlogelo, Ga-Rankuwa, 0221	Tshwane
Eesterus CHC	Cnr Hans Coverdale East & Fourie Ave, Eesterus	Tshwane

Jubilee District Hospital	92 Jubilee Road, Themba, Hammanskraal, 0400	Tshwane
Kalafong Tertiary Hospital	Klipspringer Road, Atteridgeville, Private Bag X396, Pretoria, 0001	Tshwane
Kgabo CHC	MVAStand 1526 Sefatsa, Winterveldt	Tshwane
Laudium CHC	Corner Bengal Street, 25th Avenue, Ladium	Tshwane
Odi District Hospital	Klipgat Road, Next to Hebron College, Mabopane, 0190	Tshwane
Phedisong 4 CHC	5808 Lenyai Street, Zone4, Ga Rankuwa 0252	Tshwane
Soshanguve CHC	MVA1834 Buitekant Street, Soshanguve Block BB, Gauteng	Tshwane
Carletonville District Hospital	Cnr Falcon & Annan Street, Carletonville, 2500	West Rand
Dr Yusuf Dadoo District Hospital	Cnr Hospital & Memorial Street, Krugersdorp, 1740	West Rand
Randgate Clinic	1032 Bailey Street, Randgate, 1760	West Rand

#### ACCREDITED PRIVATE FACILITIES

Marie Stopes Gandhi Square	117 Marshall St, Marshalltown, Johannesburg, 2001	Johannesburg
Marie Stopes Sandton	18 Peter Place, Lyme Park, Bryanston, 2060	Johannesburg



## FACILITIES FOR 2ND TRIMESTER (UP TO 20 WEEKS) ABORTION IN GAUTENG

NAME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
Heidelberg District Hospital	Cnr H.F. Verwoerd & Hospital Street, Heidelberg, 1438	Sedibeng
Sebokeng Regional Hospital	Moshoeshoe Street, Private Bag X058, Vanderbijlpark, Sebokeng, 1900	Sedibeng
Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital	26 Chris Hani Road, Diepkloof zone 6, Soweto	Johannesburg
Jubilee District Hospital	92 Jubilee Road, Themba, Hammanskraal, 0400	Tshwane
Dr George Mukhari Academic Hospital	3111 Setlogelo, Ga-Rankuwa, 0221	Tshwane
Leratong Regional	1 Adcock Street Chamdor, Krugersdorp	West Rand
Pholosong Regional Hospital	1067 Indaba Street, Ext 1, Tsakane, Brakpan 1540	Ekurhuleni

The information on facilities that provide abortion services in South Africa is always changing.

The Where to Care map tracks these changes to ensure that the information is up to date. You can access the map by visiting <https://bit.ly/WhereToCareMap>

Please turn your mobile data service on and ALLOW location permission when asked to view the map. Please note that the map is zero-rated, meaning that it will not use your data.

**SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN  
ACCESSING ABORTION SERVICES,  
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US:**

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