



ACCESSING ABORTIONS IN LIMPOPO

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.

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">- Rape or incest- Danger to your mental or physical health- The fetus is not viable- If the pregnancy would significantly affect your economic or social circumstances	A doctor
After 20 weeks of pregnancy	Abortion is only available in limited circumstances, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- If the pregnancy is a danger to your life or the health of the fetus	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 LIMPOPO

NAME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
Mamotswa Clinic	Ga-Makgaba, 0727, Kenya	Capricorn
Mankweng Hospital	Mankweng Mankweng Complex, Houtbosdorp Street, Phalaborwa, Polokwane, 1389	Capricorn
Matoks Clinic	1 Mangata Village, Dwars River, Polokwane, 0812	Capricorn
Rethabile CHC	140 Megazyne Street, Polokwane	Capricorn
Seshego Hospital	Seshego Zone 1	Capricorn
Zebediela Hospital	Magatle Village, Gompies, Limpopo, 0631	Capricorn
Botlokwa Hospital	Matoks Village, Ramagopa Road, Dwars Rivier, 0812	Capricorn
Buffelshoek Clinic	0712 Ga-Malokela, Limpopo	Capricorn
Dedron Clinic	181 President Street, Dendron, 0715	Capricorn
Helene Franz Hospital	Bochum Road, Bochum, Limpopo	Capricorn
Lebowakgomo Hospital	Zone A Lebowakgomo, Chuenespoort, Polokwane Rural, 0739	Capricorn
Raphahlelo Clinic	Ga-Phooko	Mopani
Sekororo Hospital	Madeira Midvillage, D24 Road, Trichardsdal, 0890	Mopani
Seloane Clinic	Ga-Selwana, Kenya	Mopani
Willows Clinic	Willows Village, Trichardsdal, 0890	Mopani
Dr CN Phatudi Hospital	Shiluvane Road, Tzaneen, 0850	Mopani

Kgapane Hospital	Gakgapane Location, Modgadji Road, Modjadjiskloof, 0835	Mopani
Letaba Hospital	Tzanweni Lydenburg Road, Letaba, 0870	Mopani
Mariveni Clinic	Mariveni, Kenya	Mopani
Nkhensani Clinic	Main Road, Giyani, 0826	Mopani
Mecklenburg Hospital	R37 Moroke Village, Penge, 1154	Sekhukhune
Philadelphia Hospital	246 Philadelphia Main Road, Dennilton, 1030	Sekhukhune
St Rita's Hospital	Nebo Street, Glen Cowie, 1061	Sekhukhune
HC Boshoff CHC	1129 Maandagshoek	Sekhukhune
Jane Furse Hospital	Jane Furse Village, Mamone Road	Sekhukhune
Matlala Hospital	Tsimanyana Village, Marble Hall, 0450	Sekhukhune
Malamulele Hospital	Malamulele Main Road, Malamulele, 0982	Vhembe
Nancefield Clinic	Albasini, Main Road, Musina, 0900	Vhembe
Siloam Hospital	R523 Williespoort Road, Nzhelele, 0993	Vhembe
Tiyani CHC	Magoro, Tiyani, 0930, Kenya	Vhembe
Tshilidzini Hospital	Phundamaria Main Road, Shayandima, 0945	Vhembe
Tshilivavhusiku CHC	Stand 391 Ravele Village, Makhado, 0920	Vhembe
Donald Fraser Hospital	Vhufuli Tshitereke Village, Thohoyandou, 0971, 0950	Vhembe
Elim Hospital	Maholisi Elim Village, 145 Mahangeskraal Street, Elim Hospital, 0960, 0950	Vhembe
Levubu Clinic	Louis Trichardt	Vhembe
Louis Trichardt Hospital	Louis Trichardt, 0920, Kenya	Vhembe
Makhado CHC	Makhado, 0920, Kenya	Vhembe
Northam Clinic	266 Botha Rd, Northam, 0360	Waterberg

Thabazimbi Hospital	1 Hospital St, Thabazimbi, 0387	Waterberg
Warmbaths Hospital	Chris Hani Street, Warmbaths, 0480, Bela-Bela, 0480	Waterberg
Voortrekker Memorial (Potgietersrus) Hospital	No.2 Geyser St, Mokopane, Suswe	Waterberg

ACCREDITED PRIVATE FACILITIES		
Maggie's Reproductive Health clinic	19a President Paul Kruger Street, Polokwane, 0699	Capricorn

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

NAME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
Voortrekker Memorial (Potgietersrus) Hospital	No.2 Geyser St, Mokopane, Suswe	Waterberg
Mecklenburg Hospital	R37 Moroke Village, Penge, 1154	Sekhukhune
Ellisras Hospital	Cnr Ngoako Ramatlogi & Chris Hani Drive, Lephalale, 0555	Waterberg

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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