



WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE



ACCESSING ABORTIONS IN KWAZULU-NATAL

Know your rights and the facilities to approach for services



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 KWAZULU-NATAL

NAME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
Newcastle Hospital	4 Hospital Street, Newcastle, 2940	Amajuba
Niemeyer Memorial Hospital	Kantoor Street, Utrecht, 2980	Amajuba
Dannhauser CHC	Dannhauser, 3080	Amajuba
Addington Hospital	16 Erskine Terrace, Point, Durban	Ethekwini



Prince Mshiyeni Hospital	Mangosuthu Highway, Umlazi, 4066	Ethekwini
King Dinizulu Hospital	75 Rd Naidu Dr, Sydenham, Durban, 4091	Ethekwini
Wentworth Hospital	1 Boston Road, Jacobs, 4052	Ethekwini
Nseleni CHC	645 Ubhejana Road, Richards Bay, 3900	King Cetshwayo
Queen Nandi Hospital	29 Union St, Empangeni Central, Empangeni, 3880	King Cetshwayo
KwaMagwaza Hospital	KwaMagwaza Road, Melmoth, 3835	King Cetshwayo
Eshowe Hospital	40 Kangela St, Eshowe, 3815	King Cetshwayo
Mbongolwane Hospital	Mbongolwane Reserve, Kwa-Pett, Eshowe, 3820	King Cetshwayo
St Andrews Hospital	14 Moodie Street, Harding, 4680	Ugu District
GJ Crooke's Hospital	45 Galway Street, Scottburgh, 4180	Ugu District
Turton Hospital	19, Mnafu Area Umzumbe Magistrate Court Road, Mtwalume, 4186	Ugu District
Port Shepstone Hospital	11 Bazley St, Port Shepstone, 4240	Ugu District
Nkandla Hospital	49 Mbatha Lane, Nkandla, 3855	King Cetshwayo
Murchison Hospital	Corner of Main Harding and Kokstad Road, Port Shepstone, Murchison	Ugu District
Edendale Hospital	89 Selby Msimang Rd, Plessislaer, Pietermaritzburg, 3201	Umgungudlovu
Northdale Hospital	Dr Chota Motala Rd, Northdale, Pietermaritzburg, 3201	Umgungudlovu
Appelsbosch Hospital	R614, Wartburg Road, Ozwathini	Umgungudlovu
Christ The King Hospital	1 Peter Hauff Drive, Ixopo, 3276	Harry Gwala

Rietvlei Hospital	R56, Rietvlei Location, Stafford's Post, 4686	Harry Gwala
St Apollinaris Hospital	Centocow Road, Makholweni, 3266	Harry Gwala
Pholela CHC	Hlanganani Rd, Bulwer, 3244	Harry Gwala
East Griqualand & Usher Memorial Hospital	Corner of The Avenue and, Elliot St, Griqualand, Kokstad, 3699	Harry Gwala
Prince Mshiyeni Hospital	Mangosuthu Highway, Umlazi, 4066	Ethekwini
RK Khan	Westcliff, Durban, 4092	Ethekwini
St Mary's Hospital	Mariannhill, Pinetown, 3610	Ethekwini
Phoenix CHC	32 Brookstone Whestone Phoenix 4068	Ethekwini
Hlengisizwe CHC	Sibisi Road, Mpumalanga, Hammersdale	Ethekwini
Tongaat CHC	7 Sanele Nxumalo Ln, Gandhinagar, Tongaat, 4399	Ethekwini
Inanda CHC	Newtown C, Inanda, 4310	Ethekwini
Kwa Dabeka CHC	North Road, KwaDabeka J, KwaDabeka, 3612	Ethekwini
Stanger Hospital	23A King Shaka St, Stanger, Durban, 4450	Ilembe
Untunjambili Hospital	Kranskop Way, Kranskop	Ilembe
Umphumulo Hospital	Maphumulo	Ilembe
Sundumbli CHC	Sundumbili Township, Msomuhle Road, Mandeni, 4490	Ilembe
Dundee Hospital	121 Mckenzie St, Dundee, 3000	Umzinyathi
Pomeroy CHC	Shepstone Road, Pomeroy, 3020	Umzinyathi
Greytown Hospital	Bell Street extension, Greytown, 3250	Umzinyathi



Emmaus Hospital	Bukweni 1 Cathedral Peak Road, Winterton, 3340	Uthukela
Estcourt Hospital	Old Main Road Estcourt 3310	Uthukela
Ladysmith Hospital	Malcolm Rd, Ladysmith, 3370	Uthukela
St Chards CHC	Cnr Helpmekeer & Ezakheni Main Road, Ladysmith, 3370	Uthukela
Manguzi Hospital	Off main road, Ithala Centre, Manguzi Town, Kwa-Ngwanase	Umkhanyakude
Bethesda Hospital	Main Road, Bethesda	Umkhanyakude
Mseleni Hospital	UMhlabuyalingana (Rural Mseleni, 3967	Umkhanyakude
Nkojeni Hospital	Townlands of Mahlabathini, Nkonjeni	Zululand
Vryheid Hospital	Coswald Brown Street, Vryheid	Zululand
Benedictine Hospital	Main Road, Nongoma, 3950	Zululand
Itshelejuba Hospital	Highlands	Zululand
Edumbe CHC	Stand No 463, Edumbe Main Street, Paulpietersburg, 3180	Zululand

FACILITIES FOR 2ND TRIMESTER (UP TO 20 WEEKS) ABORTION IN KWAZULU-NATAL

NAME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
Pomeroy CHC	Shepstone Road, Pomeroy, 3020	Umzinyathi
Nkandla Hospital	49 Mbatha Lane, Nkandla, 3855	King Cetshwayo
Manguzi Hospital	Off main road, Ithala Centre, Manguzi Town, Kwa-Ngwanase	Umkhanyakude

Vryheid Hospital	P/Bag X9371 Vryheid 3100	Zululand
Newcastle Hospital	4 Hospital Street, Newcastle, 2940	Amajuba
Niemeyer Memorial Hospital	Kantoor Street, Utrecht, 2980	Amajuba
Phoenix CHC	32 Brookstone Whestone Phoenix 4068	Ethekweni
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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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