

10 Things you may not know about abortion in Victoria

**ABORTION IS
AVAILABLE ON
DEMAND**

In 2008, the Abortion Law Reform Act of Victoria completely decriminalised abortion, even for social reasons. (1)

**TO FULL TERM,
WITHOUT
ANAESTHETIC**

Abortion in Victoria is legal to full term, that is through all nine months of pregnancy. This means that a healthy, viable baby can be brutally aborted without anaesthetic. (2)

**EVEN ON THE BASIS
OF GENDER**

Sex-selective abortion is legal and in 2018, it was reported that there are around 50 fewer girls being born in Victoria annually than projected due to cultural sex-selective abortions. (7)

**DOCTORS MUST
VIOLATE THEIR
CONSCIENCES**

GP's who don't agree with abortion are forced to refer a mother to another doctor who does agree with abortion or else face stiff penalties. (3)

**AND PARENTS DO
NOT NEED TO BE
TOLD ABOUT A
DAUGHTER'S
ABORTION.**

Girls under the age of 18 can access abortion services in Victoria without the consent of their parents. (5)

**BABIES ARE LEFT
TO DIE**

If a baby happens to survive a late term abortion, it is left to die. This happens around 300 times per year in Victoria. In August 2024, a proposal to force doctors to resuscitate babies was rejected in the Senate. (8)

IT IS ILLEGAL TO OFFER HELP

In 2015, it became illegal to offer help to women near abortion facilities. This means that while it is legal for an abortion provider to brutally dismember a baby, it is illegal to offer the mother an alternative within 150m of the abortion business. Large fines and even jail time are the penalties for simply offering help to mothers. (6) Prior to this law, an average of one mother per month was helped outside an abortion facility in Melbourne.

DOCTORS DON'T ALWAYS OVERSEE AN ABORTION

Since the advent of the abortion pill, women have been left to self-abort in their own homes. In September 2024, doctors were completely bypassed when the State Government allowed midwives to prescribe the abortion pill. (9)

THE MORNING AFTER PILL MAY ALSO CAUSE ABORTION.

The emergency contraceptive pill or 'morning after' pill is available without prescription. Although promoted as not being an abortion, this is false if a woman has already conceived, since one of its actions is to prevent a fertilised egg from attaching to the uterus. Continued use is very harmful for a woman's health. (4)

THE PRO-LIFE COMMUNITY OFFERS REAL CHOICE FOR WOMEN

The pro-life community offers many ways to help women through their pregnancies, ranging from counselling to practical assistance with baby products and parenting advice. (10) This is important to know because many women who go through with an abortion experience regrets, and some even suffer severe emotional disturbances. Many women afterwards say they had 'no choice' but to abort their child; we want to help women avoid making that devastating and irreversible choice.

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