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## 3 Reasons Why Mail-order Abortion Pills Should be Banned

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**Education:** In 2023, almost 2/3 (63%) of U.S. abortions were done with abortion pills. This does not include “self-managed” abortions. (1) One provider, the activist group Aid Access, shipped pills to 3,500 people in states where abortion is banned, in just one month. Seven medical care providers prescribed the pills.(2) Eighteen states and Washington D.C. have passed shield laws to protect doctors in their states from prosecution by states where abortion is illegal. Eight of these include protection for telemedicine and shipping pills to other states. (3) There are three reasons why long-distance prescription of abortion pill puts women at risk for harm.

**1. There is no personal contact between the doctor and the patient.** There is no opportunity for an ultrasound to rule out an ectopic pregnancy and verify how far along the patient is in her pregnancy. The patient is at greater risk to suffer serious complications. These facts were the reason that the FDA originally required in-person contact between the doctor and the patient. (4)

**2. Chemical abortions have greater risk of complications than surgical abortions.** While 2% of those receiving surgical abortions go to an Emergency Room afterward, 5% of women receiving chemical abortions go to an ER. (5) Being alone, a woman might wait too long to go to an ER to stop the extensive bleeding.

**3. There is no opportunity to ascertain if a chemical abortion is the free choice of the woman.** Aid Access provides pills after a simple form is completed online, with no video conference needed. (2) Even a male abuser could order pills to give to someone without their knowledge or consent. In a study of sex-trafficking survivors, 87.8% reported receiving some type of medical care during the time they were trafficked. (6) Estimates for the number of women and children suffering in sex slavery in the U.S. ranged from 100,000 to 325,000 in 2020 and has been growing exponentially. (7) Health care providers are clearly an important opportunity for victims of abuse or trafficking to ask for help, and for caregivers to ask questions to determine if they need help.

1. [Abortion in the United States | Guttmacher Institute](#)

2. <https://www.barrons.com/news/protected-by-shield-laws-us-health-workers-skirt-abortion-state-bans-201d3b83>

3. [What Are Abortion Shield Laws? | TIME](#)

4. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2023/03/15/mifepristone-fda-approval-history/>

5. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34778493/>

6. <https://lawecommons.luc.edu/annals/vol23/iss1/5/>

7. <https://deliverfund.org/blog/facts-about-human-trafficking-in-united-states/>



**Prayer:** Dear Lord, please extend your mercy to all women who are considering abortion. Help them to be informed about the terrible consequences of abortion and the help that is available for women to help them make a truly informed choice. Help the victims of abuse and trafficking to be rescued and find healing and hope. Please protect all women from being given abortion pills without their consent. Help those considering ordering abortion pills online to be aware of the added risk of taking the pills without medical supervision. Help all those who choose to take abortion pills learn about [Abortion Pill Reversal](#) to save their baby.



**Action:** Spread the word among your friends, co-workers and family about the help at [OptionLine](#), the danger of taking abortion pills without medical supervision, and the possibility of [Abortion Pill Reversal](#). Be aware of legislation under consideration to protect women from the dangers of abortion pills, as well as bills that work to prevent human trafficking, and do what you can to help those bills become law. Look into and consider donating to support

organizations which fight human trafficking, such as [DeliverFund](#), [Operation Underground Railroad](#), or [Elijah Rising](#), based in Houston.