

# NO OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE WOMEN'S SAFETY



No professional requirements to perform complex abortion procedures

No required peer review to ensure best practices and identify substandard care

No mandatory protocols to guarantee the proper use of pharmaceuticals and anesthetics

No compulsory emergency protocols to address the foreseeable serious complications of late abortion

No inspections to establish sanitary conditions, sterile instruments, and properly functioning equipment



Tragically, we are aware of at least one **death** and **multiple emergency ambulance** transfers from Colorado facilities performing second and third trimester abortions in 2025 alone.

We appreciate your interest in supporting the health and wellbeing of mothers and children in your community.



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## Reasons to Oppose

### Second & Third Trimester Abortion Facilities in Your Community

#### High Risk

These procedures threaten the **physical health & mental health** of women.

#### Viable Life

Babies are killed when they could **survive if born prematurely**.

#### Oversight

Facilities are **not regulated** by the Colorado Department of Public Health



# HARMING WOMEN'S PHYSICAL HEALTH

## Second Trimester Abortions

10% Complication Rate

- Infection
- Hemorrhage
- Cervical & Uterine Injuries that Jeopardize Both Mother & Baby in Future Pregnancies

Late abortion has a **higher mortality rate for mothers** than natural childbirth.



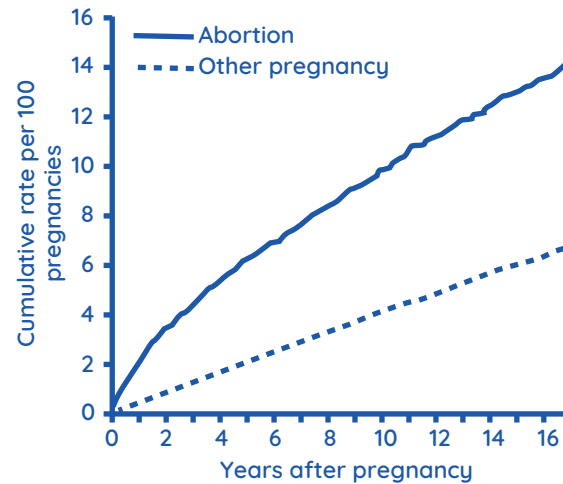
The **risk of dying** from an abortion **increases 38% per week** for each additional week of gestation beyond 8 weeks  
Source: the CDC



At 21 weeks or later, the risk of dying from an abortion is **77 times the risk of dying** from an abortion performed prior to 8 weeks.

# HARMING WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

## MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALIZATIONS



*Induced abortion and implications for long-term mental health: a cohort of 1.2 million pregnancies*  
Journal of Psychiatric Research 2025

Women Having an Abortion Have Higher Rates of Being Hospitalized For

- Psychiatric Disorders
- Substance Use Disorders
- Suicide Attempts

# HEALTHY FETUSES IN HEALTHY WOMEN ARE BEING KILLED



Babies born **as early as 21 weeks** are surviving across the world.

These babies can

- Hear and respond to their mother's voice in-utero.
- Acquire taste preferences from their mother's diet.
- Demonstrate the ability to create acoustical memories in-utero.
- Reveal social behaviors with their in-utero twin.
- Undergo successful surgeries in-utero for congenital abnormalities.
- Experience excruciating pain during violent Dilation and Evacuation (dismemberment) techniques employed by second trimester abortionists.