**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE OF UTAH-** The Utah Department of Health provides information about the developing embryo and fetus, about abortion and about abortion alternatives available at [**www.health.utah.gov/rhp**](http://www.health.utah.gov/rhp). If you do not have access to a home computer, please go to your nearest public library to access this information.

|  | **Abortion Pill** | | | **In-Clinic Abortion** |
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| **How well does it work?** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | 8 weeks or less | About 98 out of 100 times | | From 8 to 9 weeks | About 96 out of 100 times | | From 9 to 10 weeks | About 93 out of 100 times | | | | It almost always works - over 99% of the time. |
| **When can it be done?** | Up to 10 weeks | | | Up to 22 weeks |
| **How does it happen?** | * In the clinic, you take mifepristone. * At home, you take misoprostol 24 to 48 hours later to pass the pregnancy tissue. * You have a follow-up ultrasound or blood draw about a week later to make sure it worked. | | | * In the clinic, your doctor or nurse will use gentle suction to remove the pregnancy. * You will be in a recovery area until it’s safe to go home, usually after 15 to 45 minutes. * In most cases, no follow-up appointment is needed. |
| **How long does it take?** | Usually 24 hours or less, but it can take up to several days. | | | About 10 minutes for the actual procedure. You will be in the clinic 1-4 hours. |
| **How will I feel?** | You’ll start to have strong cramps and bleeding within 1 to 4 hours after taking the misoprostol. You may have cramping on and off for 1 or 2 more days.  You may also have | | | You may feel   * Mild to moderate cramping during and after the abortion. You may have cramping on and off for 1 or 2 more days. |
| * Fever of 99-100°F * Chills * Diarrhea * Nausea or vomiting | * Headache * Dizziness * Back pain * Tiredness | |
| **What can I do for pain?** | Pain medicine is available. Your doctor or nurse will discuss your choices with you. | | | |
| **How much will I bleed? For how long?** | Heavy bleeding with clots is common after taking misoprostol. Bleeding may continue on and off for 4 to 6 weeks. | | | Light or medium bleeding is common for 1 to 7 days. Bleeding may continue on and off for 4 to 6 weeks. |
| **What are the benefits?** | * It may feel more natural, like a miscarriage. * Being at home may be more private and comfortable for you. | | | * It is over in a few minutes. * You may have less bleeding than you would with the abortion pill. * Clinic staff is there to support you. |
| **What are the risks?** | * If it doesn’t work, you may need to have a suction procedure to complete the process. | | | * Possible injury to cervix, uterus or other organs. * If it doesn’t work, you may need to have a suction procedure to complete the process. |
| For both procedures, risks include | | | |
| * Pregnancy does not end * Some of the pregnancy left in uterus * Blood clots in uterus * Heavy bleeding | | * Infection * Allergic reaction to medicines used * Death | |
| **How much does it cost?** | * Cost varies. * Insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs. | | | * Cost varies. * Insurance and other funding sources may cover some of the costs. |