

TERRITORIAL LEGAL SNAPSHOT

Yukon

Abortion law, funding, and access — one-page reference

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Confidence: high



● Abortion is legal at every stage of pregnancy — Canada has had no criminal abortion law since 1988 — but geographic gaps limit access in this jurisdiction.

LEGAL LIMIT	None (nationwide)	OFFERED LOCALLY TO	15 weeks (policy)	✓ INSURED SERVICE	Yes	✓ CLINIC ABORTIONS FUNDED	Yes
✓ MIFEGYMISO COVERED FOR ALL	Yes	TELEHEALTH	Not available	SAFE-ACCESS ZONES	No law	RECIPROCAL BILLING	Excluded
✓ TRAVEL ASSISTANCE	Yes	INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTION	No	PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT	Not required	MINOR CONSENT	Mature minor common law
PENDING CHANGE	See below						

§ Jurisdiction overview

Abortion is fully insured in Yukon, including universal Mifegymiso coverage, but all procedural and medication abortion services are concentrated at Whitehorse General Hospital, forcing rural and remote residents to travel.

Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Regulations, C.O. 1971/275, s 3 · Government of Yukon, News Release, 'Government of Yukon decreases barriers for accessing medical abortion medication' (31 October 2018) · Criminal Code, RSC 1985, c C-46, ss 287-288 [Repealed, 2019, c 25]

▣ Funding & coverage

The Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan covers surgical abortion as an insured physician and hospital service; the regulations list no exclusion for abortion.

Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Regulations, C.O. 1971/275, s 3 · Health Care Insurance Plan Act, RSY 2002, c 107 · Opal Clinic, 'Abortion'

CLINIC VS. HOSPITAL FUNDING

All procedural abortions in Yukon are performed at Whitehorse General Hospital and are insured as hospital services; no free-standing abortion clinics operate in the territory.

TRAVEL & OUT-OF-PROVINCE CARE

The Yukon Medical Travel Program covers transportation and accommodation for Yukoners who must leave their community for abortion care, including travel to Vancouver for later-gestation procedures.

● Where services actually are

All abortion services — medication and surgical — are concentrated at the Opal Clinic in Whitehorse General Hospital, with no services elsewhere in the territory and no telehealth option. Surgical abortion is available at Whitehorse General Hospital up to 15 weeks 3 days; from 15 weeks 3 days to 24 weeks, patients are referred to BC Women's Hospital in Vancouver.

Government of Yukon, News Release, 'Government of Yukon decreases barriers for accessing medical abortion medication' (31 October 2018) · Kate White, MLA, Letter to Minister Tracy-Anne McPhee re Abortion Access (24 June 2024) · Opal Clinic, 'Abortion'

MINORS

Under Yukon's Care Consent Act, a person of any age may consent to their own health care if they are capable of understanding and appreciating the decision — the mature minor doctrine applies with no statutory minimum age.

SAFE-ACCESS ZONES

Yukon has no territorial safe-access-zone or bubble-zone legislation, but federal Criminal Code amendments enacted in 2021 protect patients and providers from intimidation and obstruction at health facilities.

▣ Recent changes

- Feb 2026 Yukon government pauses Health Authority implementation, considers repealing the legislation in Fall 2026; health system remains under direct departmental administration

- Oct 2025

Updated Standards of Practice for Yukon Midwives issued, referencing prescribing authority under subsection 13(m) of the Yukon Midwives Regulation
- Apr 2024

Yukon Health Authority Act receives Assent, providing framework for first territorial health authority (Shāw Kwä'a / Health and Wellness Yukon)
- Dec 2021

Federal Bill C-3 receives Royal Assent, creating Criminal Code offences for intimidating health workers or patients and obstructing access to health facilities
- Jun 2019

Federal Bill C-75 (SC 2019, c 25) repeals Criminal Code ss 287-288, the historic abortion offences, removing them from the statute book entirely
- Oct 2018

Yukon government announces universal coverage of Mifegymiso at no cost to patients, in partnership with Yukon Hospital Corporation
- Nov 2017

Health Canada removes mandatory prescriber education and registration requirements for Mifegymiso, broadening access

⌵ Pending changes to watch

Health Authority Act, SY 2024, c 3 — potential repeal

Legislation · Implementation paused February 2026; government considering repeal in Fall 2026

If repealed, the territorial health system would remain under direct departmental administration rather than a consolidated health authority, maintaining the status quo for abortion service delivery.

⌵ Key authorities

- R v Morgentaler (1988)

R v Morgentaler, [1988] 1 SCR 30

Struck down Criminal Code s 287 as unconstitutional, decriminalizing abortion in Canada and establishing that abortion restrictions violate s 7 of the Charter.
- R v Morgentaler (1993)

R v Morgentaler, [1993] 1 SCR 462

Struck down a Nova Scotia provincial restriction on out-of-hospital abortion as ultra vires criminal law, confirming provinces and territories cannot use health powers to criminalize abortion.
- Tremblay v Daigle

Tremblay v Daigle, [1989] 2 SCR 530

Held that a fetus has no legal personality and a father cannot obtain an injunction to prevent an abortion; binding throughout Canada including Yukon.
- Winnipeg Child and Family Services v G (DF)

Winnipeg Child and Family Services (Northwest Area) v G (DF), [1997] 3 SCR 925

Held that the state cannot detain or forcibly treat a pregnant person to protect the fetus; the fetus is not a legal person.
- Criminal Code, born-alive rule

Criminal Code, RSC 1985, c C-46, s 223

Codifies the born-alive rule: a fetus becomes a human being only when it has completely proceeded in a living state from the mother's body; foundational to fetal legal status.

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