



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Sub-standard Care Results in Abortion Complications



Education: Annette was 18 and living on her own. She had an IUD and used contraceptive foam but got pregnant anyway. She had an abortion. About a week or so later, she went to the doctor with abdominal pain, fever, and vaginal discharge. The doctor told her she had pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). (1) She may have had an untreated sexually transmitted disease, which was then brought up into the uterus by the abortion. If PID is treated early, complications can be prevented. But if not, PID can cause blocking of the fallopian tubes, which can cause ectopic pregnancies or infertility.

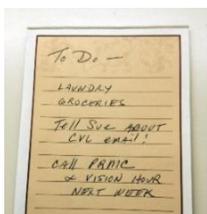
In 2018, Americans United for Life (AUL) published *Unsafe*, a study on abortion safety which clearly demonstrates that America's abortion industry endangers women, with a nationwide pattern of sub-standard care. AUL found, for example, widespread (over 130 facilities in 22 states) practices of "failure to maintain a safe and sanitary environment". (2) Improper sterilization of instruments can transfer infections from one patient to another. Just recently, on 2/11/21, Operation Rescue released a video documenting 67 abortion emergencies that were reported to or uncovered by Operation Rescue in 2020. (In 2019 there were 100 such incidents, but the pandemic took many volunteers off the streets in 2020 and fewer emergencies were witnessed.) (3) Operation Rescue's report is by no means a complete accounting of incidents, since abortion complications are often under-reported even in the states that require it. An article about abortion risks and consequences can be found [here](#).

[Hurt After Abortion](#) is a new project from Pro-Love Ministries and the Thomas More Society, a Catholic law firm. The goal is to help women who have suffered after abortion with legal assistance, referral to post-abortion healing ministries, and help to obtain their medical records from the abortion facility. (4)

1. <http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/testimonies/testimony.aspx?ID=4159>
2. *Unsafe*, available for download at https://aul.org/publications/unsafe/?mc_cid=56834352fc&mc_eid=3b37141765
3. <https://www.lifenews.com/2021/02/11/abortion-kills-and-injures-women-planned-parenthood-and-the-media-dont-want-you-to-know/>
4. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/pro-life-program-help-women-injured-abortion/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women and girls who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Help them to trust in You and to find the support they need to cope with the pregnancy and resist any coercion they may be facing. For the women who do proceed with the abortion, please protect them from unsafe facilities. Please help all health and safety regulations to be well enforced at abortion facilities to keep them to the same standard of care, and the same standard of reporting complications as other medical procedures.



Action: If someone expresses an opinion that abortion must remain legal to keep it safe, gently point out that the abortion industry is not even maintaining basic health and safety standards that are applied to other invasive procedures. Investigations have discovered multiple and repeated health and safety violations including unsterilized equipment and unqualified staff giving patient care.