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Abortion Safety in the United States
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Hundreds of laws have been passed in various states in recent years that restrict access to abortion, and many of them incorrectly claim to make abortion safer.

Around the world about 40,000 women die each year due to difficulty accessing a safe abortion.

... but abortion in the United States is very, very safe.

RESEARCH SHOWS that unsafe abortion occurs in settings where abortion is legally restricted and there are few trained providers.

Mortality Rate of Women per 100,000: Livebirths vs. Abortion Procedures

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In the US, abortion is safer than other outpatient procedures

Dental Procedures: 0 – 1.7 deaths*
Plastic Surgery: 0.6 – 1.7 deaths*

*per 100,000 procedures

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