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Abortion Research & Policy

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



or, in other words...

risk of death associated with childbirth is **12-13x** higher than that associated with abortion

In the US, abortion is safer than other outpatient procedures



Dental Procedures:
0 – 1.7 deaths*



Plastic Surgery:
0.8 – 1.7 deaths*

*per 100,000 procedures

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