

## Canadian Abortion Facts

### Law

- Abortion is legal throughout all 9 months of pregnancy, for any reason, up to the moment of birth.
- In Ontario, all abortions are funded by taxpayers – even though polls reveal that the majority disagree with their money being used to kill babies.

### Statistics

- Almost 120,000 surgical abortions are committed annually in Canada. This may be understated because hospitals are not legally required to report abortion – it's voluntary.
- Since it's legalization in 1969, 3.2 million Canadians have died from elective abortion.
- Statistics for Waterloo Region show that nearly 1,300 children are killed by abortion annually.
- Today, abortion is used as a “back-up” birth control method in more than 96% of the instances.
- Less than 1% of abortions are for the so-called “hard cases” of rape and incest. Only 3% of all abortions are committed for the alleged hard case of “health risk to the mother”. Today therefore, abortion is used primarily as birth control.
- Nearly 1 in 4 pregnancies today result in abortion.
- About half of women with an unplanned pregnancy choose abortion. The other half keeps the child. Fewer than 1% offers the baby for adoption.
- There is a desperate shortage of newborn babies available for adoption in Canada. Couples suffering infertility can wait up to 10 years for a newborn to become available. Even international adoption can take up to 5 years.

### Harm to Women

- Induced abortion increases the risk of breast cancer by 30% (see [www.abortionbreastcancer.com](http://www.abortionbreastcancer.com)).
- The College of Physician & Surgeons of Ontario found that women who had undergone abortion experienced:
  - 4 times higher rate of hospitalization for infections;
  - 5 times higher rate of a surgical event;
  - nearly 5 times higher rate of hospitalization for psychiatric problems.
- An authoritative Finnish government study found that the suicide rate associated with abortion is 6 times higher than the suicide rate associated with childbirth.
- At least 14-20% of post-abortive women experience all symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- Increased risk of infertility and ectopic pregnancy.