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# Prevent Pregnancy after Sexual Assault

## Your Right to Emergency Contraception

### Oregon law\* requires hospitals to:

- Tell all women who are sexual assault or rape survivors about emergency contraception (EC);
- When requested, supply sexual assault or rape survivors with EC before they leave the hospital.

If you are not offered EC information or refused EC in the emergency department, call the Oregon Reproductive Health Program for help:

**971-673-0355**

### What are EC pills?

- EC pills prevent (or lower the risk of) pregnancy after unprotected sex or a birth control failure, such as a broken condom or missed pills.
- EC pills are safe and effective.
- EC pills are also known as “the morning-after pill.”

### What EC pills do NOT do:

- EC pills do NOT work for women who are already pregnant.
- EC pills do NOT cause an abortion; they stop a pregnancy before it happens.
- EC pills do NOT protect against STDs or HIV/AIDS.

### When should I take EC?

- Take EC as soon as possible after rape or sex without birth control.
- EC pills can be taken up to five days (120 hours) after a rape, unprotected sex or birth control failure.

\*OAR 333-505-0120, ORS Chapter 441