

Laws Relevant to Reproductive Rights in the State of Connecticut

Parental Consent

- Abortion under 18:
 - No parental involvement required. People of any age can get an abortion in CT up to 18 weeks and 6 days after their last period.
- STI testing
 - Parental consent is not required for the examination or treatment of someone under 18 for STIs unless the minor is under 12 years of age. If the minor is 12 or younger, the physician must send a report with the name, address, and age of the minor to the Commissioner of Children and Families.
 - The minor is responsible for payment, but if using insurance it is important to consider parental knowledge of testing in terms of claim forms.
- Emergency contraception (Morning-after Pill)
 - People of any age can buy emergency contraception at a local pharmacy. People with vaginas under 17 can also get emergency contraception from a health care provider. If you go to an emergency room after a sexual assault, that emergency room is **required by law** to give you information about emergency contraception and provide it to you if you ask for it.
- Condoms, Dental dams
 - People of any age can buy condoms & dental dams from drugstores/pharmacies.
- Birth Control
 - Teens are allowed to get a birth control prescription without parental permission.

Age of Consent

- Teens cannot *legally* consent or agree to sex until they reach a specific age called the “age of consent.” In CT, the “age of consent” is sixteen.
- However, if someone engages in sexual activity with a guardian, a coach or instructor, or if someone with authority status over their partner and are over age 20, then the age of consent rises to 18.
- People between aged 13-16 may consent to sexual activity with partners no more than 3 years older. People under age 13 may legally consent to sexual activity with partners no more than 2 years older.

Costs

- Abortion (Planned Parenthood)
 - Abortion pill (medication abortion) \$576-\$662
 - In-clinic abortion
 - 5-11 weeks \$613-\$701
 - 12-13 weeks \$708-\$796

- 14-15 weeks \$808-\$896
 - 16 weeks \$908-\$996
 - Some services may have additional charges for lab/blood work. Abortion services are covered by some insurances. To find out, call your insurance provider.
- Condoms
 - A standard 12-pack costs around \$12
 - Internal condoms range from \$2-\$4 per condom
 - Free at many clinics (Planned Parenthood)
- Birth Control
 - Affordable Care Act (a health insurance plan) covers contraceptive methods
 - Coverage may vary based on type of health insurance
 - At Planned Parenthood
 - birth control implant - \$390-\$560
 - birth control patch - \$10
 - birth control pill - Contact specific health centers for pricing information.
 - birth control shot - \$110-\$175
 - birth control vaginal ring (NuvaRing) - \$30-\$40
 - diaphragm - \$40-\$76
 - emergency contraception (morning after pill) - \$40 without a visit
 - fertility awareness methods - \$4-\$8
 - IUD (hormonal) - \$505-\$679
 - IUD (copper) - \$305-\$439
- Emergency Contraception
 - \$50 at CVS
 - \$40 at Planned Parenthood

Websites

Guttmacher Institute--State Laws on Abortion

http://www.guttmacher.org/statecenter/spibs/spib_OAL.pdf

Child Adoption Laws.com

<http://www.childadoptionlaws.com/>

National Women's Law Center

<https://nwlc.org/issue/pregnant-parenting-students/>

The Rights of Unmarried Fathers

<http://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/adoption-and-fathers-rights.html>

Fathers' Rights and Abortion

<http://family.findlaw.com/paternity/fathers-rights-and-abortion.html>