



@ 17 weeks

Her heart has  
been beating  
since she was  
18 days old...

**IS SHE A CHOICE  
OR A CHILD?**



@ 14 weeks

You spent your first nine months growing and developing in the womb. While you depended on your mother for nourishment, you were a separate and completely unique individual from the moment of your conception. At this moment, your skin tone, eye colour and sex have been determined. You may even have a different blood type from your mum; you are a truly new and individual human life, never to be replicated.

check out  
[www.truthtv.org](http://www.truthtv.org)  
for more info

## WHY ABORTION IS WRONG

- Every abortion kills a living, growing child
- There is never any medical need for an abortion
- Every person, born or unborn, has an equal right to life
- Women are being exploited by the abortion industry for profit

## HOW ARE ABORTIONS PERFORMED?

- **DILATION AND CURETTAGE** - The mother's cervix is dilated and the living child is cut to pieces with a curette knife
- **SUCTION** - A hollow tube with a knife edged tip is inserted into the uterus. The suction from the aspirator tears the baby apart and sucks the pieces into a container. The head is crushed
- **DILATION AND EVACUATION** - The baby is manually crushed so he can fit through the cervix, a pliers-like instrument is then used to crush the skull, legs and arms
- **HYSTEROTOMY** - Somewhat like a caesarean section; the child is removed and left to die in a bucket
- **PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION** - The living baby is partially delivered with only its head remaining in his/her mother's womb. The head is pierced and the brain removed with a suction curette in order to collapse the skull. The child, now dead, is then removed.

## WHAT ABOUT THE MOTHER'S HEALTH?

- Abortion is **never** needed to save the life of the mother. This is the expert opinion of the four main Professors of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Ireland (1992), and the view of the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (2001) who represent the doctors who care for expectant mothers.
- No medical treatment is ever denied to a mother. For example, in the case of cancer, chemotherapy may put the life of the child at risk, but the treatment will not be withheld. The unfortunate death of the child in the womb as a side effect from medical treatment given to a mother is quite distinct from an abortion where a doctor deliberately kills the child for profit.
- Ireland is the safest place in the world for a woman to have a baby (WHO, 2005)

## WHAT ABOUT THE CASE OF RAPE?

- Rape is a horrific act of violence against women who need long term compassion not a quick-fix solution
- Abortion does not reverse a rape - it kills the child
- Abortion is a second violation of the raped woman
- Abortion punishes the innocent child for the crime of the father
- The murder of a child, no matter how that child is conceived, is always wrong

## WHAT IS THE LEGAL SITUATION?

- Despite the Supreme Court misinterpreting the 1983 pro-life amendment as permitting abortion, and despite two subsequent referenda, there are still no abortions being carried out in Ireland.
- Irish unborn children's lives are constantly under threat from both the EU and a small but powerful pro-abortion lobby in Ireland. Abortion has been undemocratically foisted on many other nations through the courts, partly because people became complacent and believed it would never happen in their country; we cannot allow this to happen here.



@ 11 weeks

**Life is a right,  
not a privilege**

# WHAT ABOUT EMBRYONIC LIFE?

- Unborn Life at the earliest stage is under threat from a variety of abuses. These include embryo 'screening', embryo freezing, and embryos being created for experimentation and human cloning.
- It is imperative that we stand firm and counter these new attacks launched against innocent children. We must work to restore full constitutional protection for the unborn in this country.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join Youth Defence who are fighting for the right to life of the unborn. We'll send you regular updates on what is happening and inform you on what you can do to get involved. We'll also give you further information on the Life issues which affect you and your family.

### ***I wish to become a member***

*(please write in capitals and send via post to the address below)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

***I wish to take part in Educational Street Work***

***I enclose €5 membership Fee and a donation of \_\_\_\_\_***

***I would like to receive your news email bulletins***

***I would like to receive information on events and activities***



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