



Health Risks of Abortion



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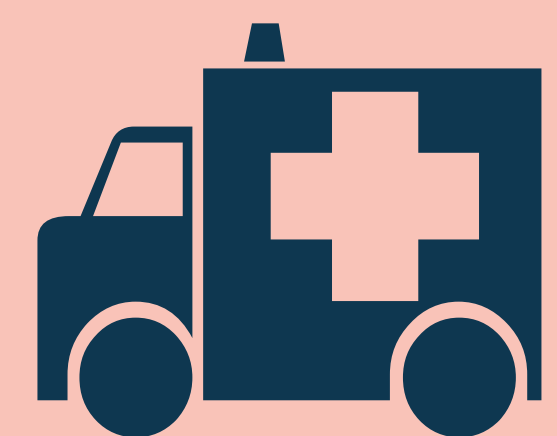
incomplete
abortion

injury to the
cervix or
other organs

hemorrhage

There are several
immediate, undisputed
health risks a woman
faces when undergoing
an abortion.

10% of women experience at least one
of these during an abortion. Approximately
1/5 of complications experienced are life-
threatening.



The risks don't end there.

Studies show that there are long-term physical and psychological consequences too, including increased risk of:

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Subsequent Pre-term Birth (PTB)

from cervical trauma, infection, or endometrial scarring. **31.5% of PTBs** are the result of the mother's history of abortion.

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Placenta Previa

is **2-3 times more common** in post-abortive women, depending on the complications she experienced from her abortion.

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Mental Health Issues

10% of mental health problems suffered by women are **directly attributable to abortion**. Post-abortive women score higher on depression scales and have **higher rates of suicide, eating disorders, and sleeping disorders**.

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Breast Cancer

A hotly contested issue, abortion is (statistically significantly) **positively associated with breast cancer** in 19 different studies.

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Miscarriage

Abortion is associated with an **increased risk of first-trimester miscarriage** in the subsequent pregnancy.

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Death

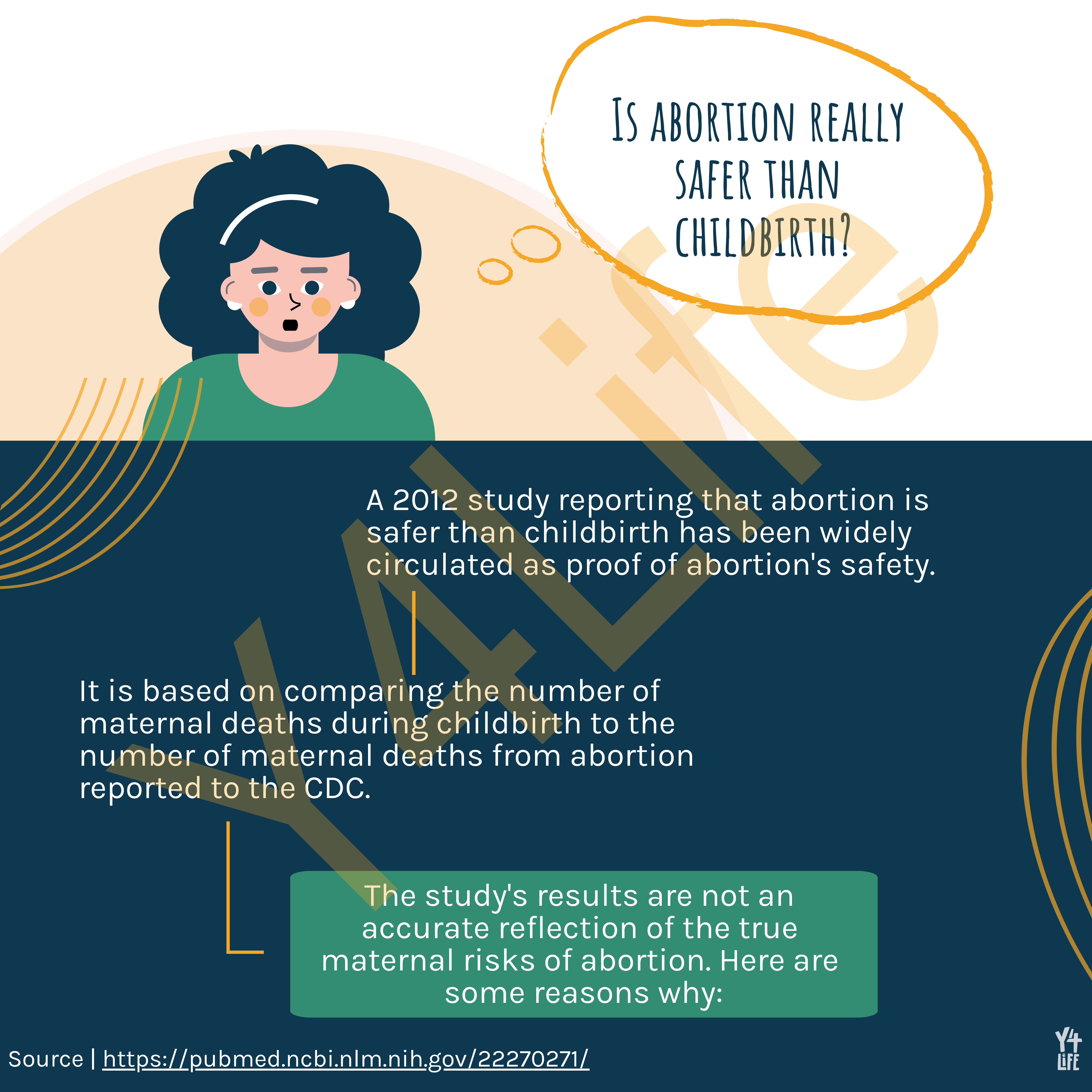
Deaths resulting from abortion are extremely hard to estimate for a variety of reasons addressed below. If complications progress, death can result.

Gestational age is a significant risk factor for health complications from abortion.



Maternal mortality from abortion increases exponentially by 38% each week of gestation.>

Women who undergo abortions after 13 weeks report more disturbing dreams, more frequent reliving of the abortion, and more trouble falling asleep.



IS ABORTION REALLY
SAFER THAN
CHILDBIRTH?

A 2012 study reporting that abortion is safer than childbirth has been widely circulated as proof of abortion's safety.

It is based on comparing the number of maternal deaths during childbirth to the number of maternal deaths from abortion reported to the CDC.

The study's results are not an accurate reflection of the true maternal risks of abortion. Here are some reasons why:



Abortion death reporting is not mandatory across the country. Maternal death in childbirth reporting, on the other hand, is. For these reasons, the CDC itself admits that its data on abortion deaths and childbirth deaths are **not directly comparable**, saying they “are **conceptually different** and are used by the CDC for different public health purposes.”

The abortion industry has no requirement or incentive to report complications and deaths resulting from abortion because it only hurts their business.

Deaths by suicide are rarely linked back to abortion in state reporting.



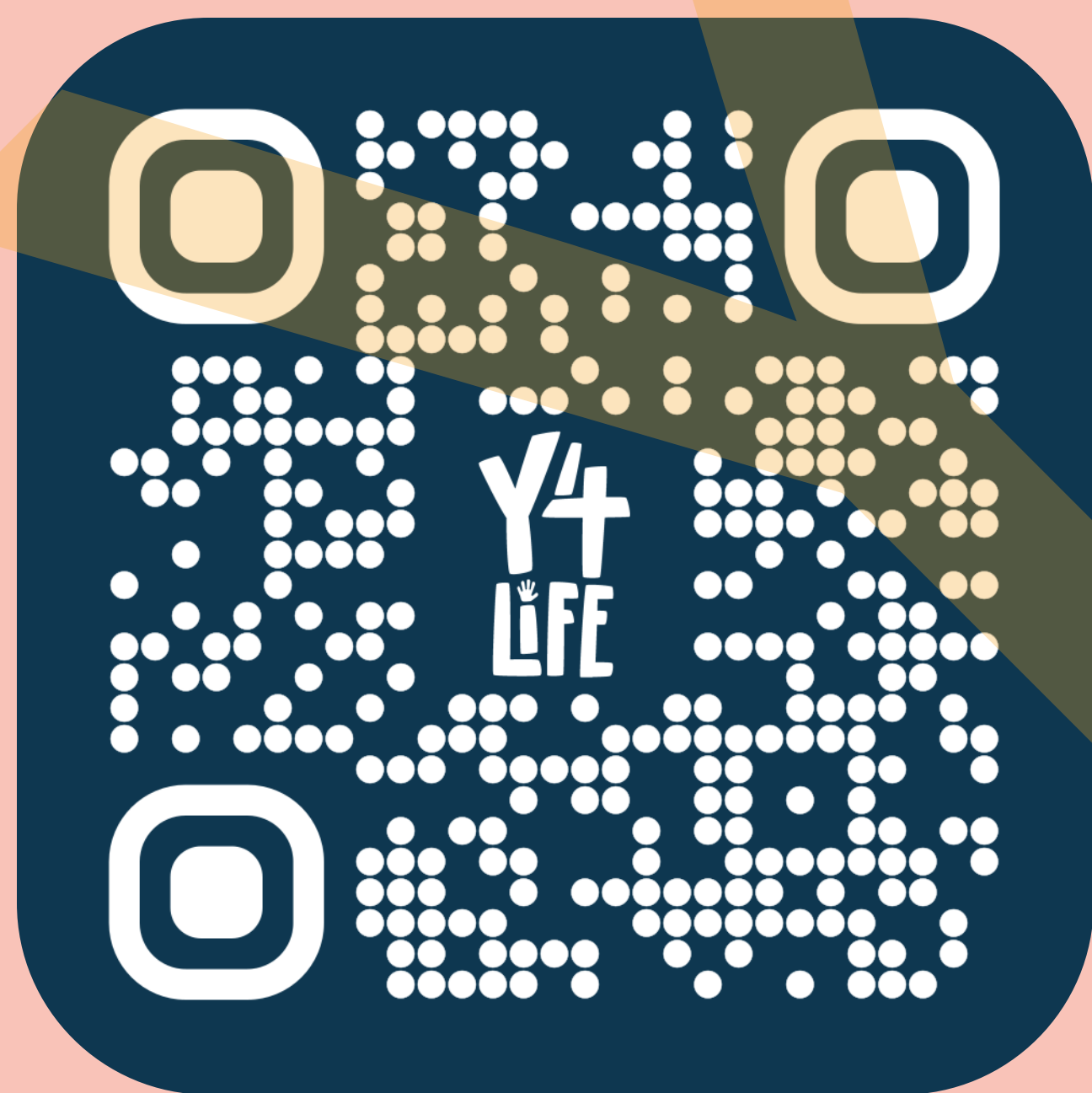
Deaths due to complications of abortion are **recorded under that complication rather than the abortion itself**. For example, if a woman died from an infection that resulted from an abortion, her cause of death would be recorded as **infection**. This, again, makes the calculation of maternal deaths from abortion more difficult.

Physical and psychological damage from abortions can have effects on later mortality. The model of this study makes no room to account for these affects.



ALL OF THESE MAKE REPORTING OF
ABORTION DEATHS VERY INACCURATE IN
THE UNITED STATES, RENDERING A STUDY
LIKE THIS ONE UNRELIABLE.

AND ON TOP OF ANY POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO THE
MOTHER, 100% OF "SUCCESSFUL" ABORTIONS END IN
THE DEATH OF AT LEAST ONE HUMAN:
THE CHILD.



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voice for the lives of mothers
and babies, visit **y4life.org**.