

Making an Appointment

Appointments can only be made over the phone. It usually takes 10 minutes to book an abortion; booking other services is usually quicker. **Call us at 604-322-6692 between 9:30 am and 4 pm Mon-Fri.** Please be patient as our phone lines are often busy.

Abortion Appointments: A positive pregnancy test is needed before booking an abortion. A home test from a drug store is okay. It is not necessary to see a doctor before making an appointment but we encourage you to get the pregnancy confirmed at a clinic or doctor's office.

If you are booking an appointment, we will need to know:

- the first day of your last period
- if you have already had an ultrasound, when and where it was done and the number of weeks of the pregnancy. Also, we will need a copy of the ultrasound report faxed to our clinic
- your MSP Care Card number. (If you do not have MSP coverage, please see the information about our fees)
- your phone number, email and home address with postal code
- the name of the person who will be your emergency contact/companion on the day of your appointment

Counselling Appointments: If you are unsure of your decision or need information about the procedure or pregnancy options, free counselling appointments are available prior to booking an abortion. Free post-abortion counselling is also available, even if the abortion was done somewhere else.

Location

Our address is 210 - 2525 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC. We are located at the corner of Commercial Drive and Broadway across the street from the Commercial - Broadway Skytrain Station. 2525 Commercial Drive is next to Starbucks coffee.

The underground parking is on East 10th Avenue, just off Commercial Drive. The parking lot opens at 7:30 am. When parking underground, take the elevator on the left hand side to go up to the second floor. The elevator on the right hand side leads into the wrong building. Bring change or a credit card for the underground parking.

In addition to the skytrain across the street, **the #20, the #9 and the #99 B-Line buses all stop at Commercial Drive and Broadway.** More transit information can be found at www.translink.ca or 604.953.3333.

A Note of Caution

We advise you to be careful with other agencies that offer free pregnancy tests and counselling. Some are against abortion and may not give information about all options and/or give frightening or wrong information. This may not be immediately apparent from their advertising or websites. We are a pro-choice organization and will support you in making the decision that is best for you.

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A reproductive and sexual health clinic for women providing:

- HIV testing
- Pap smear tests
- Birth control counselling and prescriptions
- Mirena and Copper IUD insertions, follow up checks, and removals
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests
- Pregnancy decision-making counselling
 - Pre-abortion counselling
 - Medical examinations, including pregnancy tests, confirmation and dating of pregnancy
- Abortions to the end of the 13th week of pregnancy, using local anaesthesia and conscious sedation
- Referrals for women requiring abortion services after the 13th week of pregnancy
 - Post-abortion counselling

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Women supporting women

About Us

Everywoman's Health Centre is a reproductive and sexual health clinic in Vancouver, which provides abortion and other sexual health services in a supportive, nonjudgmental and confidential setting.

We offer pap tests (a routine screening for cancer prevention), tests for sexually transmitted infections and HIV, and birth control-related services including prescriptions and IUD insertions.

We respect women's decisions. Everywoman's is run by the women who work here and we treat women who come to the clinic the way we would want to be treated ourselves.

Everywoman's Health Centre is a nonprofit clinic that is accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

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Privacy

Everywoman's Health Centre respects and upholds an individual's right to privacy and to protection of her personal information. We are committed to ensuring compliance with provincial privacy legislation, namely the Personal Information Protection Act.

Security

Everyone coming into the clinic must have an appointment or be with someone who does, and show photo ID before entering.

Fees

Most of our services are covered by the Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP). Women who are not eligible for MSP, including those with out-of-province medical coverage, may pay fees for services they receive at the clinic.

If you are unsure if you have coverage, please contact MSP at www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/ or 1-800-663-7100. For more information about our fees or ways of having the cost of services covered, please see our website at www.ewhc.ca

Our counselling services are always free. They are available if you need help deciding whether to have an abortion or if you need support after an abortion. We also sell some kinds of birth control for a discounted price.

Interpreters/English as a Second Language

Women who do not speak English can have a friend with them when they make the appointment. If they need help with English when they come for their appointment, we will get an interpreter for them free of charge - please let us know this at the time of booking the appointment. We also have written materials in several languages available.

If an interpreter is required, we will ask for a credit card number at the time of booking but will only charge a cancellation fee of \$100 if a woman does not show up for her appointment or cancels less than 48 hours in advance. There is no charge (and credit card information will be deleted) when a woman comes for her appointment or cancels with at least 48 hours' notice.

The Abortion Procedure

You will spend about two or three hours total at the clinic. You will first see a counsellor, who will check in with you about the decision, explain about the abortion and consent form, and offer information about birth control. Then you will see a nurse who will give you some medications and put in an IV for the medications later.

Most women choose to have sedation to help make the procedure more comfortable. A nurse will stay with you during the abortion and it may be possible to have a companion with you as well.

The doctor does a physical exam and an ultrasound. Then she numbs the cervix with a local anesthetic, like freezing at the dentist, and gently dilates or opens the cervix (the opening to the uterus) to put in a small tube. She then removes the pregnancy with suction. It usually takes four to eight minutes.

You will then rest for at least half an hour. The nurse will explain what aftercare is required before you leave.

Other Services

Our services also include IUD insertions and removals, birth control counselling and prescriptions, sexually transmitted infection (STI) and HIV testing. These services are available to women at the time of an abortion or by appointment at any other time.

Cancellations

If you need to cancel, please let us know as we have a wait list of women needing earlier appointments.