

Web Cam Abortion Ban

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"Web-cam abortions" are abortions done by a video conferencing system where the abortionist is located at one location and uses a closed circuit TV to talk with a woman who is at another location over a computer video screen. The abortionist never sees the woman in person. They're never actually in the same room.

Several states have enacted laws requiring abortionist to be physically present in the room before administering chemical abortions upon pregnant women.

State	What the law does:
Arizona Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §36-3604 (2011)	Telemedicine may not be used to provide abortions.
Kansas Kansas (2011) S.B. 36 Signed by Governor May 16, 2011	Only a licensed physician shall perform or induce an abortion. RU-486 (mifepristone) or any drug used to induce an abortion must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed, dispensed or otherwise provided the drug to the patient.
Nebraska Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-335(2)	No abortion shall be performed, induced, or attempted unless the physician is physically present in the same room.
North Dakota North Dakota (2011) H.B. 1297 Signed by Governor April 18, 2011	When an abortion-inducing drug or chemical is used for an abortion it must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed it.
Oklahoma Okla. Stat. tit. 63, § 1-729a(D) (2011)	When an abortion-inducing drug or chemical is used for an abortion it must be administered by or in the same room and in the physical presence of the physician who prescribed it.

State	What the law does:
Tennessee Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-6-241(2011)	No physician shall perform or attempt to perform any abortion, including a medically induced abortion or shall prescribe any drug or device intended to cause a medical abortion, except in the physical presence of the pregnant woman. No drug or device intended to cause a medical abortion shall be administered or dispensed to a pregnant woman except in the physical presence of her physician.