

# ABORTION

UNDER FORENSIC LAW

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# ABORTION

Abortion means spontaneous or induced termination of pregnancy before the fetus is viable independently, i.e., before 28th weeks of pregnancy.

Acc. to section 312 IPC, the legal definition of abortion is premature expulsion of fetus from the mother's womb at any time of pregnancy, before full term of pregnancy is completed.



## MEDICAL DEFINITION:

Abortion is premature exulsion of fetus from mother womb before the age of viability which is 28 weeks.

Medically speaking, pregnancy lasts for 10 lunar months or 40 weeks or 280 days.

Since, ovulation occurs 14 days after LMP, actual physical existence of fetus within womb is only 266 days.

In medico legal language, periods during gestation are not indicated in calender months.





# DEFINITION

1. **ABORTION:** It means the expulsion of product of conception in first trimester
2. **MISCARRIAGE:** It means expulsion of fetus in second trimester
3. **PREMATURE DELIVERY:** It means the delivery of baby in third trimester before full term.
4. **ABORTUS:** It means non-viable product of abortion.
5. **ABORTIFACIENT:** Any agent that induces abortion.



# CLASSIFICATION :

## 1. NATURAL / SPONTANEOUS ABORTION:

- Threatened abortion
- Missed Abortion
- Inevitable Abortion
- Complete Abortion
- Incomplete Abortion
- Habitual Abortion
- Septic Abortion



# CLASSIFICATION :

## 2. ARTIFICIAL ABORTION / INDUCED ABORTION:

- Legal / Justifiable
- Illegal / Criminal Abortion



# NATURAL ABORTION:

- Common in 10-15% of cases and common during trimester of pregnancy.

## TYPES:

1. **Threatened Abortion:** Occurs in early weeks of pregnancy with moderate vaginal hemorrhage & mild pain with closed cervical os.
2. **Missed Abortion:** Fetus dies in womb & is retained in the uterus for more than a week.





## NATURAL ABORTION:

3. Inevitable Abortion: Presents with severe pain, increased uterine hemorrhage with dilated cervical os.
4. Complete Abortion: when whole product of conception has been expelled.
5. Incomplete Abortion: Continuous bleeding from placental site with severe anemia.
6. Habitual Abortion: When abortion has occurred for 3 consecutive times.
7. Septic Abortion: Infection may occur due to incomplete abortion.



## CAUSES OF NATURAL ABORTION:

- Infection
- Diseases of blood
- Endocrinal abnormalities
- Anatomical abnormalities
- Genetic abnormalities
- Trauma
- Poisoning
- Drug Toxicity
- Environmental Factors



# INDUCED ABORTION:

## TYPES:

1. Legal Abortion
2. Illegal Abortion



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