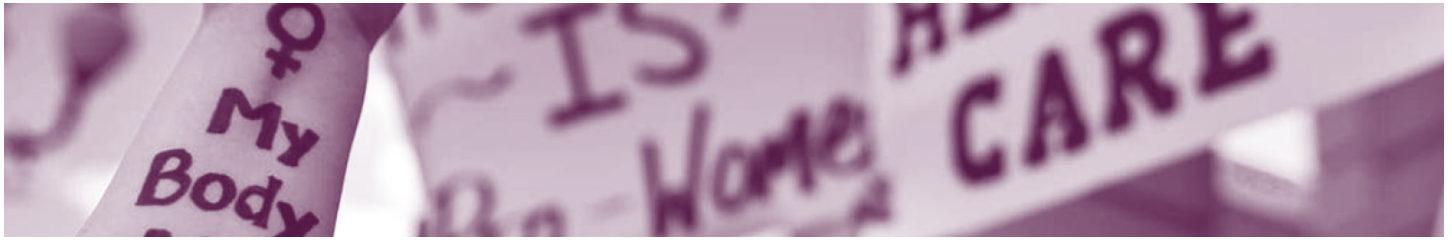


# ABORTION ACCESS IN WY

## AND WHAT IT COULD MEAN IN A POST-ROE AMERICA



For decades, legislators have been working overtime to destroy access to abortion — state by state, law by law. Now, with the increasing likelihood that the Supreme Court will overturn *Roe v. Wade*, our constitutional right to an abortion is on the line.

We know you have questions. The ACLU of Wyoming has answers.

**WHAT IS WYOMING'S CURRENT LAW?** Abortion is currently legal until fetal viability. There are no statutory waiting periods. Still, there are a few legal restrictions:

- The parent of a minor must consent and be notified before an abortion is provided.
- Public funding is available for abortion only in cases of life endangerment, rape, or incest.
- An abortion may be performed at or after fetal viability only in cases of life endangerment or severely compromised health.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF THE SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS *ROE V. WADE*?** Wyoming lawmakers passed a “trigger ban” in 2022. The trigger ban is a state law designed to go into effect after the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* and grants states the authority to ban abortion, which is what the leaked draft opinion suggests. Within 30 days of the Supreme Court’s decision, the governor, on advice from the attorney general, must certify to the secretary of state that the Supreme Court’s decision is final, and five days later, the trigger ban will take effect.

**WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR WYOMING?** If *Roe* is overturned, abortion will be banned in Wyoming, except in cases to preserve the life of the pregnant person or in the case of rape or incest.

This means people would have to travel out of state to for abortion care — something that’s impossible for many and would disproportionately affect people of color and people with lower incomes.

**WHAT ELSE COULD HAPPEN?** We know that abortion opponents won’t stop with overturning *Roe*. Many states have signaled an intent to apply their abortion laws outside their own state borders and politicians are already sharing plans to further criminalize abortion providers and patients. Discussions about calling special legislative sessions to pass additional restrictions have already begun. It’s clear that activists and politicians won’t stop until they have secured a nationwide ban on abortion. Further, the same politicians in our state and across the country will likely attack our right to get birth control and marry who we love. Our fundamental rights are under attack right now and we have to mobilize to ensure our communities are protected.

### WHAT CAN I DO?

Commit to defending abortion rights and we’ll be in touch with specific steps you can take. Use the QR code below to add your name today.

