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## Information for Young People Seeking Abortion in Another State

The majority of states require parental involvement in a minor's decision to have an abortion. Most of these states require the consent or notification of only one parent, usually 24 or 48 hours before the procedure, but a handful of states require the involvement of both parents.

**Parental Consent Laws** - requires that your parent(s) give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.

**Parental Notification Law** - requires that your parent(s) be told of your decision before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement. In some states, if you do not live with your parents, but you live with a grandparent, or an adult aunt or uncle, the adult relative you live with may be told in place of your parents.

## Parental Involvement Laws

State	Number of Clinics (2014)	Parental Involvement Laws
<u>Alabama</u>	5	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Alaska</u>	3	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>Arizona</u>	9	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Arkansas</u>	3	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>California</u>	152	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>Colorado</u>	21	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement. If you do not live with your parents, but you live with a grandparent, or an adult aunt or uncle, the adult relative you live with may be told in place of your parents.		
<u>Connecticut</u>	25	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>Delaware</u>	3	Parental notification under 16 years
If you are under 16, your state requires that one of your parents, a grandparent or a mental health professional be told of your decision 24 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>District of Columbia</u>	5	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>Florida</u>	71	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Georgia</u>	17	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 24 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Hawaii</u>	4	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>Idaho</u>	3	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		

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<u>Illinois</u>	24	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents, a step-parent living in the household, or a grandparent be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Indiana</u>	9	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Iowa</u>	12	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents or a grandparent be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Kansas</u>	4	Parental Consent (both)
Your state requires that both of your parents give permission for your abortion. If your parents are separated or divorced, only the parent with custody needs to give permission. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Kentucky</u>	2	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Louisiana</u>	3	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Maine</u>	4	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>Maryland</u>	25	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision before your abortion, unless you do not live with either parent and a reasonable effort to give notice is unsuccessful. A doctor can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Massachusetts</u>	14	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Michigan</u>	20	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Minnesota</u>	6	Parental Notification (both parents)
Your state requires that both of your parents be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Mississippi</u>	1	Parental Consent (both parents)
Your state requires that both of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement. If your parents are separated or divorced, only the parent with primary custody must consent.		

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<u>Missouri</u>	1	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Montana</u>	5	None
If you are under 16, your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Nebraska</u>	3	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Nevada</u>	8	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>New Hampshire</u>	4	Parental Notificaiton
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>New Jersey</u>	41	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>New Mexico</u>	9	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>New York</u>	95	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>North Carolina</u>	16	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents, or a grandparent with whom you have lived for at least six months immediately preceding the abortion, give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>North Dakota</u>	1	Parental Consent (both parents)
Your state requires that both of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Ohio</u>	12	Parental Consent
Your state requires that a parent, a step-parent, grandparent, or sibling age 21 or older give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Oklahoma</u>	3	Parental Consent and Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision at least 48 hours before the abortion takes place, and give permission for the abortion. A judge can excuse you from these requirements.		
<u>Oregon</u>	15	None
No parental involvement requirement.		

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<u>Pennsylvania</u>	20	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Rhode Island</u>	3	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>South Carolina</u>	3	Parental Consent under 17
If you are under 17, your state requires that one of your parents or a grandparent give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>South Dakota</u>	1	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Tennessee</u>	7	Parental Consent
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.		
<u>Texas</u>	28	Parental Consent and Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion, and separately that one parent be told of your decision 48 hours before the abortion takes place. A judge from your county (or a neighboring county, if fewer than 10,000 people live in your county) can excuse you from both of these requirements.		
<u>Utah</u>	2	Parental Consent and Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents give permission for your abortion, and separately that one parent is notified of your decision 24 hours before the abortion takes place. Through the judicial bypass process a judge may excuse you from one or in some cases both of these requirements, depending on your situation.		
<u>Vermont</u>	6	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>Virginia</u>	18	Parental Consent and Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents or a grandparent or adult sibling with whom you live give permission for your abortion, and separately that one parent or a grandparent or adult sibling with whom you live be told of your decision 24 hours before the abortion takes place. A judge can excuse you from both of these requirements.		
<u>Washington</u>	33	None
No parental involvement requirement.		
<u>West Virginia</u>	2	Parental Notification
Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 24 hours before your abortion. A judge or a doctor, other than the doctor who will perform the abortion, can excuse you from this requirement.		

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State	Number of Clinics (2014)	Parental Involvement Laws
<u>Wisconsin</u>	4	Parental Consent
<p>Your state requires that one of your parents; a foster parent; a grandparent; or an aunt, uncle, or sibling who is at least 25 years old give permission for your abortion. A judge can excuse you from this requirement.</p>		
<u>Wyoming</u>	1	Parental Consent and Notificaiton
<p>Your state requires that one of your parents be told of your decision 48 hours before your abortion and give permission for the abortion. A judge can excuse you from these requirements.</p>		

## Traveling Across State Lines: What Young People Need to Know

To travel out of state, a young person must have access to transportation and must be within a reasonable distance of a state with less restrictive laws. The degree to which young people exercise this option varies by age, socioeconomic status and access to public transportation.

No federal law prohibits young people from traveling alone.

However, each public transportation provider is free to set its own restrictions.

## TRAVELING AS AN “UNACCOMPANIED MINOR”

### Greyhound Rules:

Young people should be prepared to show proof of age, if requested.

Young people ages 2-11 are not allowed to travel unaccompanied.

Young people ages 12-16 are allowed to travel unaccompanied but **only with permission from the parent or legal guardian.**

The parent or legal guardian must complete an **Unaccompanied Young person Form** when the ticket is purchased. These forms can only be filled out at a Greyhound station and they will verify your ID and get consent for the young person to travel and be picked up by a designated person at the other end.

The following are required:

- The name, contact details and signature of the person who is giving permission for the young person to travel (the young person’s parent or legal guardian)
- The departing and arriving destination of the young person’s trip
- The name and contact details of the person picking up the young person at the final destination

For more information visit:

<https://www.greyhound.com/en/help-and-info/travel-info/young-personren-traveling>

## Amtrak Rules:

Young people ages 13, 14 and 15 years old may travel unaccompanied in accordance with the Amtrak Unaccompanied Minor Policy.

- For each “unaccompanied minor” traveling alone, the adult (at least 18 years old) bringing the young person to the departure station must complete and sign a release form.
- At the arrival station, the adult picking up the young person must check-in with station personnel prior to the train's expected arrival time. The adult must display valid current identification meeting the [Amtrak ID policies](#).

**Young people ages 16 and over may travel without restriction.**

For more information visit:

<https://www.amtrak.com/unaccompanied-minors-policy>

## Flying:

Programs vary by airline, but most airlines require that an authorized adult escort the young person to the departure gate and take custody of the minor young person at the arrival gate.

The young person will need a valid photo ID to travel by airplane