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Women Using the Web to Find Abortion Drugs

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In areas of the world, like Northern Ireland, where abortions are severely restricted, women have turned to the Internet, where abortion inducing drugs are becoming more and more readily available. One of the main sites, **Women On Web**, sells the drugs only in countries where abortions are restricted and requires the women ordering the drugs to declare they are less than nine weeks pregnant.

The company claims that it is helping reduce complications associated with dangerous, illegal, back room abortions. That said, a recent survey of 400 of the sites customers revealed that 11 percent of those who used its drugs still required a surgical procedure either to stem uncontrollable bleeding or because the dose was not able to complete the abortion.

Some like the Family Planning Association of Northern Ireland say that Women On Web is a reputable organization, but worry that it is encouraging women to break the law and avoid the professional care necessary in such situations. [Source: **BBC**]

