

Retain the 3-Day Wait before Abortion

Tell Your TD to Help Women Choose Life

On average, 1,000 women a year **do not return for an abortion** after the 3-day wait.

But campaigners are **pushing to scrap** the time for reflection - which could mean up to **1,000 more abortions** each year.

Some TDs now say they know that scrapping the 3-day wait would mean breaking the promises they made in 2018.

Speak up to stop
abortion being
further expanded.
Contact your TD today.



3 important facts:

- 1** The Department of Health has confirmed that **an average of 1,000 women a year did not return** for an abortion after the 3-day wait. The information showing the difference between the number of women attending a first abortion appointment and then returning for an abortion was released to Carol Nolan TD. The number of abortions in Ireland jumped to 8,156 abortions in 2022. Most people don't want that number to **increase further**.
- 2** Scrapping the 3-day wait would **deny women that time to think** - maybe to find support and choose life. Why would any reasonable person want to take that away from women?
- 3** **The government promised voters*** that the 3-day wait would be part of "strict guidelines" - as they sought to reassure "middle-ground" voters.



“ We urge the Minister for Health and our TDs to now remember that promise and to retain the 3-day period of reflection. To do otherwise would be a betrayal of voters, but worse still, a dereliction of duty to mothers and babies.

What you need to do:

The 3-day wait must be retained. It gives women time to think and saves lives. As reported in the media, TDs are now acknowledging that a promise to have a 3-day wait was made in 2018. So now they must hear from you to keep that promise.

- **Call/Email your TDs** today and tell them the 3-day wait must stay. (Find their details on thelifeinstitute.net)
- **Sign the petition** to the government today at thelifeinstitute.net
- **Call Life Institute** on 01 8730465 with questions or see thelifeinstitute.net

Your TD needs to hear your voice to make sure these changes to the abortion law are rejected.

**Minister Simon Coveney speaking during the abortion referendum campaign 2018.*