

MOTHERS ARE SAFE



**ABORTION ISN'T
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WOMEN'S LIVES; IT
JUST KILLS A BABY.**

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Never a Need for Abortion

Our thoughts are with the husband and family of Savita Halappanavar at this very difficult time. This is a tragic loss, and we need to remember that Irish doctors are always obliged to intervene to save the life of a mother - even if that risks the life of her baby.

It is shocking to see abortion campaigners rush to exploit this case to further their own agenda. We trust that the inquiry into her death will make the facts known, and give some comfort to her family. What we do know is that nothing in Ireland's laws or medical guidelines would have prevented Savita from being treated for any life-threatening conditions that arose in her pregnancy.



Here are the facts:

- ▶ According to the Obstetricians and Gynaecologists¹ who care for Irish women every day, Ireland's pro-life laws do not pose a threat to women's lives.
- ▶ The Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists stated that: **"There is a fundamental difference between abortion carried out with the intention of taking the life of the baby, for example for social reasons, and the unavoidable death of the baby resulting from essential treatment to protect the life of the mother."**
- ▶ Irish doctors have always given a very high standard of care to pregnant women. **In fact, without abortion, Ireland is one of the safest places in the world for a mother to have a baby, according to the United Nations.²**

¹*Irish Independent*, 15 Nov 2012, "We won't let women die, says Professor."

²*Report on Maternal Mortality by World Health Organisation, UNICEF, UNFPA and the World Bank*, 2007

We should protect our pro-life laws - because they protect both mother and baby.

Experts tell us that abortion is not needed to save the life of a mother.

There are 3 important points to remember:

- 1.** Essential medical treatments - such as chemotherapy, early delivery for pre-eclampsia, and treatments for ectopic pregnancy - are carried out on pregnant women in Irish hospitals all the time. The intention of these treatments is to save the life of the mother, and if the unborn baby dies, this is a sad and unintentional side-effect.
- 2.** These medical treatments are NOT abortions: abortion is the deliberate and intentional destruction of an unborn child. They are not considered abortion by doctors, and abortion campaigners are being both dishonest and insensitive to mothers to insist otherwise.
- 3.** The guidelines of the Irish Medical Council state that doctors are obliged to give all necessary medical treatment to pregnant women, even if that causes the unintentional death of the unborn child. Furthermore, if doctors fail to treat women in these situations, they may be struck off the register.

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Before Election 2011, Fine Gael promised they would not allow abortion to be legalised in Ireland. Now they are using an 'expert group' to say we are required to introduce abortion. This is simply untrue. The European ruling they refer to only requires clarity, not abortion legislation. Our current laws protect mothers and babies from the devastating consequences of abortion.

Fine Gael must not be allowed to break their pro-life promise.

If abortion is legalised under the X-Case ruling it will allow abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The majority of people do not want abortion in Ireland, and it is the people not an 'expert group' who should decide our pro-life laws.

If abortion is legalised, it'll be too late to make your voice heard.

Your local Fine Gael representatives need to hear from YOU today. Call the numbers below and tell them you don't want abortion legalised in Ireland. Thank you.



CALL YOUR FG REPRESENTATIVES TODAY:

After calling your TDs, please let us know so we can maintain an accurate log of calls made.

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