

October 2025 update

Emergency contraception global maps

Based on information available in the *EC pills database*



Introduction

The term [emergency contraception](#) (EC) is used to describe methods of contraception that can be used to prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex, contraceptive failure, or sexual assault. The most common forms of EC are pills containing levonorgestrel (LNG) or ulipristal acetate (UPA). A third type of pill, containing a low dose of mifepristone, is marketed in a limited number of countries. The WHO strongly recommends making [EC pills available without a prescription](#) to individuals who wish to use EC. These global maps summarize the data collected by ECEC and published in the [EC pills database](#) up to October 2025.

Types of emergency contraceptive (EC) pills

1. EC pills with levonorgestrel (LNG)

- Active ingredient: 1.5 mg of levonorgestrel
- Marketed since the 1990s
- Indication according to label: emergency contraception to be used as soon as possible up to 72 hours after unprotected sex
- Efficacy: high from 0-72 hours after intercourse; moderate from 72-96 hours; low or null beyond 96 hours
- Brands: Cumbran, Escapelle, Levodia, Levonelle, Lydia, Monbell, Norlevo, Pilem, PiDaNa, Plan B, Postday, Postinor, PostPill, Securite and many others
- Availability: registered or imported in at least **147** countries. Available without prescription in at least **89** countries.



2. EC pills with ulipristal acetate (UPA)

- Active ingredient: 30 mg of ulipristal acetate (a selective progesterone receptor modulator)
- Marketed since 2009 in Europe and since 2010 in the USA. Available without a prescription in most of Europe since 2014
- Indication according to label: emergency contraception to be used as soon as possible up to 120 hours after unprotected sex
- Efficacy: high from 0-120 hours after sex
- Brands: ella, ellaOne, Dvella, FemelleOne, Femke, Lencya, Prevent One, ulip, Ulipristal Stada, Ulipristal Mylan, Ulipristal acetate Sandoz and others
- Availability: registered in at least **75** countries. Available without prescription in at least **56** countries.

3. EC pills with mifepristone

- Active ingredient: 10 to 25 mg of mifepristone (a selective progesterone receptor modulator)
- Indication according to label: emergency contraception up to 120 hours after unprotected sex
- Efficacy: high from 0 to 120 hours
- Brands: Ciel EC, Fivedays, Gynepriston, Mifestad 10, Mifepriston 10mg, Sky EC25 and others
- Availability: Currently limited to **2** countries (China and Vietnam); discontinued in Armenia, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine as of April 2025.

EC pills worldwide - Maps



Source: <https://www.ec-ec.org/emergency-contraception-in-the-world/> and <https://www.ec-ec.org/emergency-contraception-pills-database/search-by-country/>
Visit the information source to stay updated on any changes.

1.LNG EC pills are registered in at least 147 countries

As of October 2025



*though in some, ECPs are often sold without a prescription

2. UPA EC pills are registered in at least 75 countries

As of October 2025

Registered
as **non-prescription** ●
in at least 56 countries

Registered
as **prescription-only** ●
in at least 19 countries*



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Territoires d'outre-mer

3. Mifepristone EC pills are registered or available in 2 countries

As of October 2025

Registered or available
as **non-prescription** ●
0 countries

Registered or available
as **prescription-only** ●
2 countries



X Not found in these markets since April 2025



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