

AGE LIMIT FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION LOWERED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A legal battle continues over who should have over-the-counter access to Plan B emergency contraception. After a federal judge eliminated all age restrictions, the FDA set an age limit of 15. Because the pill may prevent a fertilized egg from implanting, some people consider it a form of abortion.

Allison Guarino, who teaches pregnancy prevention to young teenagers, said a lower age limit will “help the girls who need the help the most”—especially those who aren’t close to their parents. But many parents say their rights are being undermined. “It just baffles me that...I don’t have to be involved,” said Brenda Velasco Ross, a stepmom of four.

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Questions: What restrictions, if any, would you place on access to emergency contraception?



Does a lower age limit make teenagers more or less safe, and why? Under what circumstances, if any, would you be okay with someone taking Plan B? When do you think life begins, and how does that affect your thoughts about these pills?

How much privacy, if any, should teenagers have when it comes to their bodies and sexuality? To what extent should parents be involved with their teenagers’ medical decisions? What are some topics you avoid discussing with your parents? What would make it easier for you to talk to them about sexuality?

Scripture links: Job 31:13-15; Psalm 139:13-16; Ecclesiastes 11:5; and 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. ●