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Experts stress that EC is more effective the sooner it is taken, with effectiveness decreasing every 12 hours.

EC is available for purchase without a prescription at the pharmacy for any individual seventeen years or older. You must provide a valid, government-issued ID to prove your age.

The ACLU of Oklahoma has received several complaints from men who were refused EC. The FDA explicitly says that men may purchase EC.

Men and women should take shared responsibility for making healthy and responsible decisions about their birth control methods. The ACLU applauds such efforts.

## **If you are over the age of 17 and have been denied EC by a pharmacist:**

Inform the pharmacist that the FDA requires they sell EC to both men and women.

Ask to speak to the Pharmacy Manager and then report to the Store Manager.

Write down the date, location of pharmacy and name of the pharmacist who denied EC.

Ask the pharmacist to direct you to a pharmacy that will provide EC.

Immediately go to a pharmacy that will sell you EC.

Contact the ACLU of Oklahoma.

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