Normal side effects of misoprostol include: heavy cramps, bleeding, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and chills. Though very rare, signs of potential complications that should be treated at a hospital include: heavy bleeding that soaks more than two sanitary pads per hour for more than two hours, high fever, and severe pain.

The treatment for complications of abortion pills is exactly the same as the treatment for complications of a miscarriage. There is no test that can detect either mifepristone or misoprostol, and there is no reason for a person to tell a medical provider that they have managed their own abortion with pills. To date, there have been at least 20 arrests of women who have ended their pregnancy outside a medical setting in the United States. A person seeking medical care, therefore, will get no medical benefit from telling a provider they have taken either drug but they may be putting themselves at legal risk.

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