



# Top 5 Actions for Emergency Contraception Action Week

## 1. Partner with your Campus Health Center to Increase Awareness about EC!

Partner with your Campus Health Center to host an EC awareness campaign on your campus! Students and the Health Center should join together to publicize EC with ads in your campus newspaper and flyers and posters around campus. Jointly plan a campus-wide Reproductive Health Fair or table with Campus Health Center staff encouraging students to get EC before Spring Break to Back Up their Birth Control. If your Campus Health Center doesn't provide EC, gather signatures of students and demand EC access on campus.



## 2. Spread the Word: Dorm Presentations

Work with your Campus Health Center to develop a workshop on EC to conduct in dorm presentations. Approach your campus office of Residential Life to invite dorms to participate and hold workshops throughout this week. Create a flyer that includes information about where women can access EC on campus and off campus and make this information available to Resident advisers to distribute to students. Emphasize that students should bring their own condoms *and* EC on Spring Break to Back up their Birth Control.

## 3. Make EC Information VISIBLE all Over Campus!



**Banner Display:** Hang large banners on visible buildings on campus, like your Student Union or Residence Halls, with slogans like “Emergency Contraception and Condoms: Don’t Leave for Spring Break without Them!” or “Emergency Contraception: Get It Before You Need It.”

**Chalk Talks:** Chalk around campus, writing facts about EC like “the morning after pill is good for 120 hours,” “Emergency Contraception is available on campus,” “EC prevents pregnancy in case of unprotected sex, rape, or contraceptive failure,” or “Condom Broke? Get Emergency Contraception!” Chalk arrows pointing to or directing students to the health center on campus.

**Flyer your campus:** Post EC flyers from [www.feministcampus.org](http://www.feministcampus.org) in women’s bathroom stalls, the student union, classroom buildings, dorms, sororities, the campus health center, and the campus recreation center. Be sure to post information about where students can get EC, including health center and pharmacy locations, hours of operation and contact numbers.



## 4. Identify and Publicize Local Pharmacies that Carry EC

A number of national pharmacy chains – CVS, Target, Rite Aid, Wal-Mart and Walgreens – have promised to stock EC. However, individual pharmacists may still refuse to provide EC upon request. Visit your local pharmacies and these national chains and *make sure* they stock EC and have pharmacists available to dispense EC. Publicize your results on campus so women know where to go if they need EC.

## 5. Combat Pharmacist Refusals in Your Community and in Your State



California, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts and Nevada all have state laws requiring pharmacies to dispense contraception. In fact, only four states explicitly permit pharmacist refusals -- Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, and South Dakota. If a local pharmacist refuses to dispense EC or fill any contraception request, take action! Organize a protest of the pharmacy where the refusal occurred and invite the media. Report the pharmacist to your state’s pharmacy board for disciplinary proceedings. Launch a boycott of the pharmacy until they guarantee EC access. And contact your state legislator to find out about supporting legislation in your state to prohibit pharmacist refusals.