

Educational Media

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE CAMPUS NEWSPAPER EDITOR

Date

Dear Editor,

There is a drug that can be up to 95% effective if used promptly, it is easy to use, and is less likely to cause an adverse reaction than aspirin. It could cut in half the number of unintended pregnancies in this country and reduce the number of abortions by 800,000. Its most serious side effect is nausea. It can be used up to 120 hours, or 5 days, after unprotected intercourse, contraceptive failure, or rape, to prevent pregnancy. This drug is referred to as emergency contraception (EC).

(Use this paragraph if your campus offers emergency contraception)

_____ campus offers emergency contraception, but most women do not know it exists, so there is a small chance that they will use it. Further, many of the health centers on campuses that serve as the students' main healthcare provider are not open on the weekends or evenings, which is when young women need access to emergency contraception the most.

(Use this paragraph if your campus does not offer EC)

Unfortunately, college women on _____ campus do not have the option to get emergency contraception at their healthcare center. The majority of college women use their campus healthcare clinic as their main source of health care information. If EC is not available there, many women are put at risk because EC is most effective when taken within the first 24 hours after unprotected intercourse.

We must make sure that both men and women are aware of the availability of over the counter emergency contraception. They need to know how it works and where to get it. Additionally, we need to push pharmacies to carry EC. Lastly, even as we appreciate the availability of EC for women over the age of 18, we have to continue to fight for increased access to EC for young women.

For equality,

Campus Group Name