



ABORTION TERMS KEY

Gestation: The process of carrying in the womb between conception and birth

Trimester: Period of 3 months that divides a pregnancy into stages

Viability: The point at which a fetus can survive outside of the womb, normally considered to be 23 or 24 weeks

Conception: When a sperm cell fertilizes an egg

Roe Standard: The precedent set by the *Roe v. Wade* (1973) Supreme Court decision that held a person's right to reproductive freedom must be protected until the point of viability