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The biggest privacy risks in seeking abortion care in post-Roe America | The Verge

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For millions of Americans, finding abortion services in the US just became a legal minefield. With the Supreme Court's ruling on Friday, suddenly "how to find an abortion" is a lot more complicated than a simple Google search.

Abortion is <u>now illegal or restricted in nine states</u>, with many more planning to outlaw procedures in the coming weeks. People seeking abortions in those states may now be at risk of investigation or prosecution, and many privacy advocates are warning that those people's search history, medical records, or other data could be used against them in court. In some notable cases, they've seen it happen already.

The Verge talked to experts about where they see the greatest privacy vulnerabilities for people seeking abortions in a post-Roe United States — and how people can protect their information.

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