

HOW TO USE THE RING

When can I start the ring?

You can start your ring on any day of your cycle.

If you are starting the ring after taking emergency contraception (EC)

- If you took ulipristal acetate (UPA) EC, start no sooner than 6 days after the unprotected sex.
- If you took levonorgestrel (LNG) EC, start right away.

Where do I put the ring? How do I put it in and take it out?

Put the ring into your vagina. It's easy to do. Use your fingers to bring the sides of the ring together and gently push it into your vagina. If you can't feel it when you walk, you've got it in right.

To take the ring out, hook your finger through the ring and pull gently. Put the used ring in the foil pouch and throw it away. Used rings still contain hormones. The foil pouch protects the hormones from getting into the soil and water.

Do not flush the ring down the toilet.

Will my ring work right away?

Not always. If you start your ring

- Within 5 days of the start of your period, you do not need backup birth control.
- After the first 5 days of your period, use backup birth control – like condoms – or don't have sex for 7 days.
- After taking EC, use backup birth control or don't have sex for 7 days.

When should I change the ring?

There are different ways to use the ring:

- Change your ring once a month. Whatever day you start the ring becomes your change day. On your change day, you take out the old ring and put in the new one. You may have some bleeding or spotting. You will probably not get regular periods.
- Keep your ring in place for 3 weeks, take a ring-free break for 7 days, and then put in a new ring. You should get your period during the ring-free break. It is normal to be still bleeding – usually spotting – when it is time to put in your new ring.
- Other _____

What if the ring falls out or I take it out or I forget to change it?

What happened?	What should I do?	Do I need to use back-up birth control or not have sex?
The ring fell out or I took it out of my vagina and it has been less than 2 days?	Wash it in cool water and put it back in as soon as possible but within 2 days.	No.
The ring is out of my vagina for more than 2 days, and it's not my ring-free week?	Wash it in cool water and put it back in.	Yes, for 7 days.
I forgot to put in a new ring at the end of my ring-free week?	Put in a new ring as soon as you remember.	Yes, for 7 days.
I forgot to change my ring on my change-day?	Take out the old ring and put in a new one as soon as you remember.	Yes, for 7 days.



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Can I get pregnant if I forget to change my ring or leave it out of my vagina by mistake?

Yes, depending on the timing you may want to take EC. It can be taken up to 5 days after unprotected sex. Call us to get more information. We can help you decide.

What else do I need to know?

You can use vaginal medicine or lubricants when using the ring.

It's best to keep your ring in your vagina during sex. If for some reason you decide to take the ring out during sex, make sure you rinse it in cool water and put it back in as soon as possible after sex.

Unused rings can be stored at room temperature out of direct sunlight for up to 4 months (16 weeks). Refrigerate any rings that will not be used within 4 months. Read the storage advice on the package.

