

The Miscarriage Association



Acknowledging Pregnancy Loss

About The Miscarriage Association

Miscarriage can be a very unhappy, frightening and lonely experience.

The Miscarriage Association acknowledges the distress associated with pregnancy loss and strives to make a positive difference to those whom it affects.

A national charity, The Miscarriage Association was founded in 1982 by a group of people who had experienced miscarriage. We continue today to offer support and information to anyone affected by the loss of a baby in pregnancy, to raise awareness and to promote good practice in medical care.

The Miscarriage Association is here to help by:

Providing support

- We have a staffed helpline Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Helpline staff can offer support by telephone, letter or e-mail.
- If you or your partner have had a miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or molar pregnancy and would like to talk to someone else who has had this experience, we can put you in touch with a support volunteer in or near your area.
- We can give you details of your nearest support group, where you can meet others who have experienced pregnancy loss.

Giving information

- Helpline staff can often provide general information about pregnancy loss, although they do not give medical advice or opinions.
- We publish leaflets and fact-sheets about the facts and feelings of pregnancy loss, some in several community languages and on audiotape. All our leaflets can be read on our website.
- Our website contains even more information as well as personal stories, poems, news and links to other useful sites.

Working for change

- We encourage good practice in the way miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy are managed in hospitals and in the community and run study days for health professionals.
- We work with the media to correct myths and mis-information and promote public awareness of the significance of pregnancy loss.

If you would like our help, please contact The Miscarriage Association. Our contact details can be found on the back cover.

You may like to become a member of The Miscarriage Association...

Joining The Miscarriage Association

'I want to thank The Miscarriage Association for being there for me. The newsletters have been like a lifeline, and it was through reading those personal accounts that I plucked up the courage to go to the local support group'

Membership of The Miscarriage Association is open to anyone concerned about pregnancy loss, whether through personal or professional experience. It may also help you feel less alone – many of our members find it helpful and comforting to be part of a group of people with similar experiences. By joining The M.A. you will also be supporting our work and helping us to reduce the distress associated with pregnancy loss.

All members receive:

- A year's subscription to our quarterly newsletter, which contains news, information and members' personal accounts
- A free basic information pack
- Our suggested reading list
- An invitation to the annual Members' Day, with the opportunity to hear excellent speakers and meet others who have experienced pregnancy loss
- An invitation to the Annual General Meeting where members elect the Board of Trustees and influence policy
- A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts

A membership application form is overleaf.

Supporting The Miscarriage Association

The Miscarriage Association is a registered charity, dependent on donations and grants. Every contribution to our funds helps us maintain and develop our services and is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made by post, by phone or on our website.

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Application for Membership

Date.....

**delete where applicable*

I/we* would like to join The Miscarriage Association¹

Name:

Address:

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..... County:

Postcode: Tel:

I/we enclose a cheque/postal order* for £.....for membership fees for one year.

or

I/we wish to pay my/our membership of £..... by Visa/Access/Mastercard*:

Card no: Expiry date: Issue No.

Fees:	Individual/couple (UK)	£20
	Individual/couple (UK), unwaged/on benefit	£5
	Individual/couple (abroad, incl. Eire)	£25
	M.A. Support Group (registration only)	Free
	M.A. Support Group (1–5 newsletters)	£22.50
	Other support groups and organisations	£30

Cheques and postal orders should be crossed ***a/c payee only*** and made payable to The Miscarriage Association.

Please send me details about paying my membership by Banker's Order

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I would like my membership fee and any donation I make to be considered as a **Gift Aid** donation

Please send membership application form to:

The Miscarriage Association

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Telephone: 01924 200799

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