

How Pregnancy Can Happen

Pregnancy can only happen if sperm and egg come together and a fertilized egg implants in the uterus.

Sperm can enter the body in different ways. One way this can happen is when a penis releases sperm near the opening to or inside the vagina. See [Reproductive Body Parts and Functions](#) for helpful definitions.

There are also medical ways that sperm and egg can be brought together. See [Fertility Treatments](#) for more information.

Not all types of sexual contact can lead to pregnancy. Pregnancy only happens in situations where sperm can reach an egg.

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