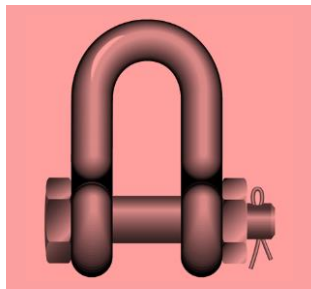


Assisted deaths - does legislation expand over time?

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Q. Does assisted deaths legislation change after becoming law?



A. Given time, all legislations gradually loosen their criteria

Numbers

All legislations have seen rising numbers:

- x 8 in Canada in 5 years ¹
- x 5 in Switzerland in 10 years ²
- x 4 in Oregon in 10 years ³
- x 2.5 in Netherlands in 10 years ⁴

Canada

- No longer requires a patient to be terminally ill (5 years after legislation) ⁵
- Currently debating to allow those with mental illness, learning disability and autism to be included ⁶

Netherlands and Belgium

- Children and those with psychiatric illness now eligible for an assisted death ^{7, 8}
- New-borns less than a month old are euthanised ⁹

US (Oregon and California)

- Cooling-off period removed for some patients (Oregon) or reduced from 15 days to 48hrs (California) ^{10, 11}
- Oregon currently debating to allow assisted suicide using an intravenous pump ¹²

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