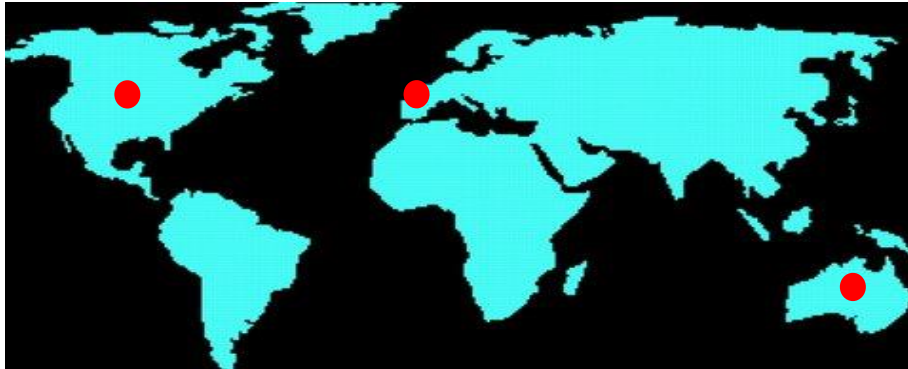


## Assisted dying around the world

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Assisted deaths are currently legal in 9 countries  
 This covers 4.4% of the world's population



### Eligibility criteria

#### Large variations between jurisdictions

- some only allow assisted deaths in terminal diagnoses eg. Oregon
- many have wider criteria that does not require a terminal diagnosis eg. Canada, Belgium, Netherlands
- wider criteria exist in some (mental illness, children) eg. Netherlands, Belgium
- consultations are underway to expand criteria further, eg Canada



### Definitions

**Assisted suicide** is the act of deliberately assisting another person to kill themselves<sup>1</sup>

**Euthanasia** is the act of deliberately ending injecting lethal drugs to end a person's life



### Decision-making and monitoring

- **No jurisdictions use legal courts to decide on eligibility**  
All use one or two doctors
- **All jurisdictions monitor after the death**  
None check decisions before the death
- **Data collected is sketchy and variable**

### Reference

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