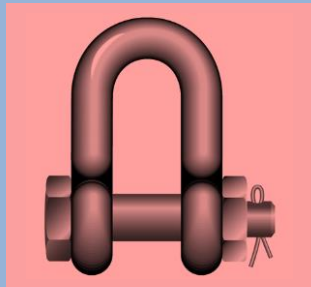


Assisted deaths - does legislation expand over time?

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**Q. Does assisted deaths legislation change after becoming law?**

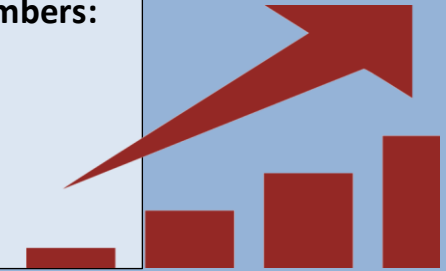


**A. Given time, all legislations gradually loosen their criteria**

**Numbers**

**All legislations have seen rising numbers:**

- x 10 in Canada in 6 years <sup>1</sup>**
- x 5 in Switzerland in 10 years <sup>2</sup>**
- x 4.5 in Oregon in 12 years <sup>3</sup>**
- x 4 in Netherlands in 20 years <sup>4</sup>**



**Canada**

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

**Netherlands and Belgium**

- **Children and those with psychiatric illness now eligible for an assisted death <sup>7, 8</sup>**
- **New-borns less than a month old are euthanised <sup>9</sup>**

**US (Oregon and California)**

- **Cooling-off period removed for 20% patients (Oregon) or reduced from 15 days to 48hrs (California) <sup>10, 11</sup>**
- **Non-terminal illness becomes eligible. In 2021 includes arthritis and anorexia.**

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