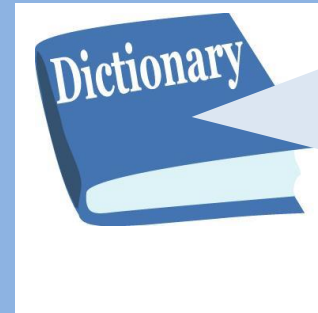


## Assisted dying around the world

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Assisted deaths are currently legal for  
**4.5% of the world's population**



### 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**



### Eligibility criteria

#### Large variations between jurisdictions

- all legislations have widened their criteria beyond a terminal diagnosis eg. Oregon, Canada, Belgium, Netherlands
- wider criteria exist in some (mental illness, children) eg. Netherlands, Belgium
- several plan to expand their criteria further, eg Canada



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