

# What is the difference between Suicide and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in Canada?

I want to die.

## Suicide

## MAID\*

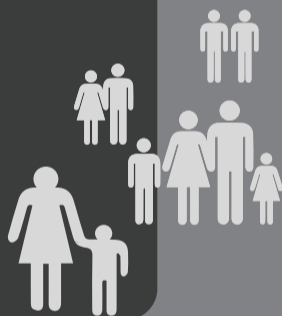
people thinking about suicide do not actually want to die, they want the pain of living to end



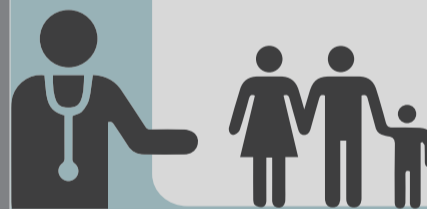
hastens death for people in irremediable circumstances whose death is reasonably foreseeable



often carried out alone and in secrecy, leaving loved ones with devastating grief



involves decision-making by medical personnel and the option to involve loved ones



often violent and carried out by people who do not enter or are misunderstood by the medical system



non-violent medical intervention



with appropriate support and care, recovery is possible



increased palliative care can help ease the suffering of dying, though death remains reasonably foreseeable



\*Bill C-14: An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying). (2016). Assented to June 17, 2016, 42nd Parliament, 1st session. References available online at [suicideinfo.ca/resource/suicide-physician-assisted-death/](http://suicideinfo.ca/resource/suicide-physician-assisted-death/)