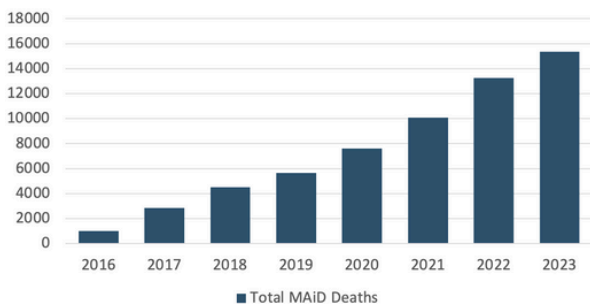


# How euthanasia is impacting Canadians

There has been a steep increase in the number of people dying by medical assistance in dying (MAiD) every year. **More than 15,000 people died by MAiD in 2023.**

Total MAiD deaths in Canada,  
2016 to 2023



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45%

of people who died by MAiD in 2023 identified feeling like a burden as a factor in their decision.

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- Canada's MAiD laws have vague and subjective terms which are left to the interpretation of individual doctors, such as when a person's death is "reasonably foreseeable" and what kind of "serious" disability or illness makes someone eligible for euthanasia.
- Some people whose disability makes them eligible for MAiD are requesting MAiD because of circumstances such as a lack of housing or medical/social supports.
- A law allowing MAiD for mental illness alone has been passed and is set to take effect in March 2027.
- The federal government has been holding consultations on whether to allow advance requests for MAiD. This would remove the critical safeguard of requiring consent at the time a person's life is ended through MAiD.
- A special committee of MPs and Senators has recommended expanding MAiD to those under 18 years of age.

**Will you support a law to stop MAiD on the basis of mental illness alone?**

**Will you keep the minimum age for MAiD at 18 years old?**