

# A crucial time to act

It will take all of us working together to bring about changes to the law.

**Share your concerns** with your family and friends.

**Contact your local MP** and ask them to:

- stop MAiD for mental illness
- protect MAiD-free spaces
- require conversations about MAiD be patient-initiated
- oppose the expansion of MAiD to children and teens
- increase access to palliative care

Remember to be respectful and gracious.

See [TheEFC.ca/HaltMAiD](https://TheEFC.ca/HaltMAiD) for more information and resources.

Please join us in praying for those who are vulnerable and in reaching out to offer tangible help to our neighbours.



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# EUTHANASIA IN CANADA

An update on medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and what you can do



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## The need for sanctuary

There is pressure to eliminate MAiD-free, safe places where patients and doctors are not pressured to end life via MAiD.

While MAiD is widely available, many Canadians struggle to get the care and support they need to live. Some Canadians are ending their lives via MAiD *because* they lack needed care and support.

**People with disabilities have been pressured to end their lives via MAiD.**

We firmly believe doctors should not be the ones to suggest MAiD to patients.

All Canadians should have access to palliative care, not pressure to end their lives.

## MAiD for children and teens

A special committee of MPs and senators studying MAiD has recommended allowing MAiD for mature minors.

A mature minor is a child or teen who is deemed capable of making a decision for MAiD. **This would essentially remove the minimum age of eligibility.**

The committee also suggested parents may not be consulted and wouldn't need to consent to their child's death via MAiD.

**Children are uniquely vulnerable. Canada's first priority must be to provide high quality medical care for children.**



## MAiD for mental illness

MAiD for mental illness **is set to take effect in March 2027.**

Hopelessness and a desire to end one's life can be a symptom of some mental illnesses.

Many Canadians struggle with their mental health. There are long waiting lists for treatment and it can be expensive.

One in 10 people will wait more than 4 months for counselling. The waiting period for MAiD is only 3 months.

**We are already hearing about people asking for MAiD because they do not have the support needed to live.**