

# A crucial time to act

The law currently limits medical assistance in dying (MAiD) to those who are 18 years and older.

A group of MPs and Senators recommends making mature minors eligible for MAiD.

A mature minor is a child or teen who is deemed capable of making a decision for MAiD.

**This would effectively take away the minimum age** so that children and teens could be eligible for euthanasia or assisted suicide.

They suggest MAiD be limited to mature minors who are nearing death. **But how long would that limit last?**

MAiD was initially limited to adults who are nearing death, but was quickly expanded to those who are not dying.



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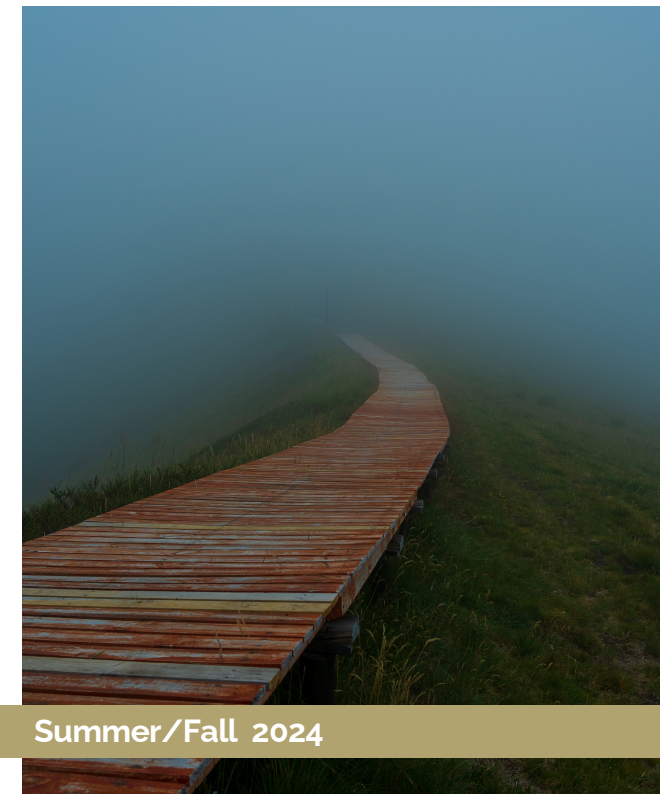
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# EUTHANASIA FOR YOUTH

What's happening with medical assistance in dying (MAiD) and what you can do



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## MAiD for children and teens

If children and teens were eligible for MAiD, parents may not be consulted and wouldn't need to consent to their child's death via MAiD.

The part of the brain that controls impulses, regulates emotions, and understands consequences is not fully developed until around age 25.

Children are easily influenced and may be pressured by adults in numerous ways.

The law sets a minimum age for significant decisions, such as voting. It is appropriate and reasonable that **a decision to end one's life by MAiD has a similar age limit.**

## Contact your MP

Contact your local MP to ask them not to allow MAiD for children and teens.

Write, call or meet with your MP to explain your concerns. To have a greater impact, contact your MP in more than one way – for example, write and call.

Remember to be respectful and gracious.

It is part of an MP's job to represent constituents. It's a good idea to be informed about the issue, but you don't have to be an expert to share your concerns with your MP.

Find your MP's contact information at:  
[ourcommons.ca/members](https://ourcommons.ca/members).

## You can make a difference

A committee report can prompt the government to change the law.

**Now is the time to tell MPs that children and teens should not be eligible for MAiD.**

Share your concerns with your family and friends.

An MP takes note when a constituent contacts them, even if they respond with a standardized reply.

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



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