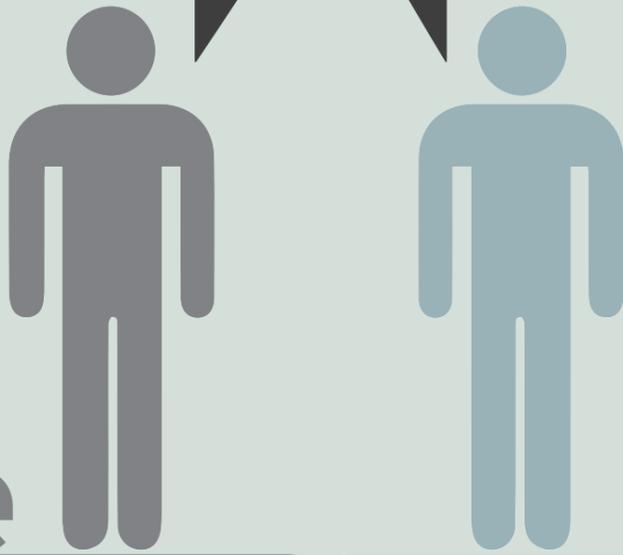


# What is the difference between Suicide and Physician-Assisted Death (PAD)?

I want to die.



## Suicide

## PAD\*

suicidal people do not actually want to die, they want the pain of living to end



people seeking PAD want to hasten death, they want the suffering in dying to end



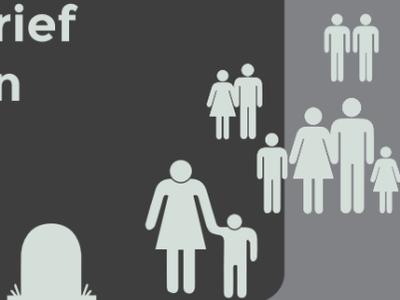
often impulsive, violent and carried out alone



often planned, peaceful and carried out in the presence of loved ones



leaves loved ones with devastating grief and a legacy of pain



a deliberate process including everyone involved



happens much more often than PAD

Far more people die by suicide than by PAD, even where PAD is legalized.

Suicide was decriminalized in Canada in 1972.



relatively infrequent

In Washington State the ratio is 7 suicide deaths to each 1 PAD.

Canadian legislation expected June 2016.

\*Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) is the terminology recommended by the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying

The Centre for Suicide Prevention does not have a formal stance on the PAD legislation; it is beyond the scope of our work.

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