

Euthanasia Is Legal Where

Voluntary refusal of food and fluids (VRFF), also called voluntarily stopping eating and drinking (VSED) or patient refusal of nutrition and hydration (PRNH), will similarly result in death. Some authors classify this voluntary action as a form of passive euthanasia, while others treat it separately because it is treated differently from legal point of view, and often perceived as a more ethical option. VRFF is sometimes suggested as a legal alternative to euthanasia in jurisdictions disallowing euthanasia. 96aa4ea78c

List of deaths from legal euthanasia and assisted suicide In cases of euthanasia the physician administers the means of death, usually a lethal drug. non-voluntary euthanasia (withholding life support) is either legal or not legislated in most countries. The legality of euthanasia and assisted suicide varies. Assisted suicide is often confused with euthanasia. In assisted suicide, it is required that the person voluntarily expresses their wish to die, and also makes a request for medication for the purpose of ending their life. Passive non-voluntary euthanasia (withholding life support) is

either legal or not legislated in most countries. Active non-voluntary euthanasia (patient's consent unavailable) is illegal in all countries, though in the Netherlands the Groningen Protocol allows exemptions from prosecution in strict circumstances. Involuntary euthanasia is illegal in all countries. Assisted suicide thus involves a person's self-administration of deadly drugs that are supplied by a doctor. Voluntary euthanasia is legal in Belgium, Canada Euthanasia is the practice of intentionally ending a life in order to relieve pain and suffering, while assisted suicide, also known as physician-assisted suicide, is suicide committed with the aid of a physician 96aa4ea78c

== Modern history == 96aa4ea78c

Euthanasia in the United States and the states of California, Colorado, Delaware, Oregon, Vermont, New Mexico, Maine, New Jersey, Hawaii, Washington, New York and Montana. C. Assisted suicide is legal in twelve jurisdictions in the US: Washington, D. Active euthanasia is illegal in all 50 states of the United States. Assisted suicide is legal in twelve jurisdictions in the US: Washington, D. The status of assisted suicide is disputed in Montana, though currently authorized per the Montana Supreme Court's ruling in *Baxter v.* ". Montana that "nothing in Montana Supreme Court precedent or Montana statutes [indicates] that

physician aid in dying is against public policy. C. and the Active euthanasia is illegal in all 50 states of the United States 96aa4ea78c

Euthanasia 'good death'; εὖ, eu, lit. g. a/]; Greek: εὐθανασία, lit. na'si. Non-voluntary euthanasia occurs when a patient's consent is unavailable, (e. , comatose Euthanasia (pronounced [e̞. 'well' or 'good' + θάνατος, thanatos, 'death') is the practice of intentionally ending life to eliminate pain and suffering. have their life ended and is legal in a growing number of countries. th a 96aa4ea78c

Involuntary euthanasia regarded as a crime in all legal jurisdictions. Involuntary euthanasia has been practiced in the past, notably in Nazi Germany, where many of the perpetrators Involuntary euthanasia, typically regarded as a type of murder, occurs when euthanasia is performed on a person who would be able to provide informed consent, but does not, either because they do not want to die, or because they were not asked 96aa4ea78c

Voluntary euthanasia is legal in Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain. It is also... 96aa4ea78c

Euthanasia device The most common devices are those designed to help terminally ill people die by

voluntary euthanasia or assisted suicide without prolonged pain. The most common devices are those designed to help A euthanasia device is a machine engineered to allow an individual to die quickly with minimal pain. They may be operated by a second party, such as a physician, or by the person wishing to die. There is an ongoing debate on the ethics of euthanasia and the use of euthanasia devices. A euthanasia device is a machine engineered to allow an individual to die quickly with minimal pain 96aa4ea78c

Euthanasia is distinct from assisted suicide, which may be legal in certain other jurisdictions. 96aa4ea78c

Animal euthanasia ('good death') is the act of killing a nonhuman animal humanely, most commonly with injectable drugs. drugs. Animal euthanasia is distinct from animal slaughter. Euthanasia methods are designed to cause minimal pain and distress. Euthanasia is often used Animal euthanasia (from Ancient Greek: εὐθανασία, lit. Animal euthanasia is distinct from animal slaughter. Euthanasia methods are designed to cause minimal pain and distress 96aa4ea78c

== History of involuntary euthanasia ==
96aa4ea78c Involuntary euthanasia is contrasted with voluntary euthanasia (euthanasia performed

with the patient's consent) and non-voluntary euthanasia (when the patient is unable to give informed consent, for example when a patient is comatose or a child). Involuntary euthanasia is widely opposed and is regarded as a crime in all legal jurisdictions. Involuntary euthanasia has been practiced in the past, notably in Nazi Germany, where many of the perpetrators were tried, convicted, and executed following World War II. Reference to it or fear of it is sometimes used as a reason for not changing laws relating to voluntary euthanasia. 96aa4ea78c As of 2026, euthanasia is legal in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Jersey, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal (law not yet in force, awaiting regulation), Spain, and Uruguay. In 2021, a Peruvian court allowed euthanasia for a single person, Ana Estrada. Eligibility for euthanasia varies across jurisdictions where it is legal, with some countries allowing euthanasia for mental illness. 96aa4ea78c

Euthanasia and assisted suicide in Spain

Euthanasia and assisted suicide in Spain have been legal since 25 June 2021, when the Organic Law for the Regulation of Euthanasia came into force, three months after its publication in the Boletín Oficial

del Estado (BOE; English: Official State Gazette), after being approved by the Cortes Generales on 18 March 2021. With its approval, Spain became the sixth state in the world to recognize nationwide the right to euthanasia. Between June 2021 and December 2022, there have been an estimated 370 cases of euthanasia deaths. Said law decriminalizes medical aid to die and specifies who, when and with what requirements it may be provided

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== Assisted suicide == 96aa4ea78c == Early history == 96aa4ea78c Different countries have different euthanasia laws. The British House of Lords select committee on medical ethics defines euthanasia as "a deliberate intervention undertaken with the express intention of ending a life to relieve intractable suffering". In the Netherlands and Belgium, euthanasia is understood as "termination of life by a doctor at the request of a patient". The Dutch law, however, does not use the term 'euthanasia' but includes the concept under the broader definition of "assisted suicide and termination of life on request".

96aa4ea78c Euthanasia is often used to end an animal's suffering from terminal, incurable (and especially painful) conditions or diseases, when there is a lack of resources to continue supporting the animal, or at the end of laboratory test procedures. 96aa4ea78c For domesticated animals,

the discussion of animal euthanasia is often substituted with euphemisms, such as "put down" or "put to sleep". 96aa4ea78c == Notable devices == 96aa4ea78c The methods of euthanasia can be divided into pharmacological and physical methods. Acceptable pharmacological methods include injected drugs and gases that first depress the central nervous system and then cardiovascular activity. Acceptable physical methods must first cause rapid loss of consciousness by disrupting the central nervous system. The most common methods are discussed here, but other acceptable methods are used in different situations. 96aa4ea78c

Legality of euthanasia Efforts to change government policies on euthanasia of humans in the 20th and 21st centuries had limited effect in Western countries. Peruvian court allowed euthanasia for a single person, Ana Estrada. Human euthanasia policies have also been developed by a variety of NGOs, most advocacy organisations although medical associations express a range of perspectives, and supporters of palliative care broadly oppose euthanasia. Eligibility for euthanasia varies across jurisdictions where it is legal, with some countries Laws regarding euthanasia vary by country and territory 96aa4ea78c

Euthanasia is categorised in different ways, which

include voluntary, non-voluntary, and involuntary. Voluntary euthanasia is when a person wishes to have their life ended and is legal in a growing number of countries. Non-voluntary euthanasia occurs when a patient's consent is unavailable, (e.g., comatose or under a persistent-vegetative state,) and is legal in some countries under certain limited conditions, in both active and passive... 96aa4ea78c In 1984 the Spanish federation Derecho a Morir Dignamente (Right to Die with Dignity) was founded under the name Association Right to Die with dignity - DMD. On December 13, 1984, the DMD association under the number 57889 was registered within the Ministry of the Interior, legalizing a citizen movement to respect the freedom of the individual at the end of their life. This association considers Carlos Gómez as the pioneer of the fight in Spain for the recognition of euthanasia. Gómez, a man from Santander with leukemia, published that same... 96aa4ea78c == History == 96aa4ea78c

Child euthanasia Like adult euthanasia, there is world-wide public controversy and ethical debate over the moral, philosophical, and religious issues of child euthanasia. In 2005, the Netherlands became the first country since the fall of Nazi Germany to decriminalize euthanasia for infants with a hopeless prognosis and unrelievable pain. Nine years later, Belgium amended its 2002

Euthanasia Act to extend the rights of euthanasia to minors. Child euthanasia is a form of euthanasia that is applied to children who are gravely ill or have significant birth defects. In 2005, the Netherlands became Child euthanasia is a form of euthanasia that is applied to children who are gravely ill or have significant birth defects
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Voluntary euthanasia Voluntary euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide (PAS) have been the focus of intense debate in the 21st century, surrounding the idea of a right to die. [citation needed] Assisted suicide is a practice Voluntary euthanasia is the purposeful ending of another person's life at their request, in order to relieve them of suffering. VRFF is sometimes suggested as a legal alternative to euthanasia in jurisdictions disallowing euthanasia. Some forms of voluntary euthanasia are legal in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland, Spain and Uruguay
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== Methods == 96aa4ea78c == Timeline ==
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