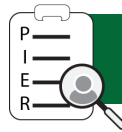


Who can have MAID?

- There are eligibility criteria that must be met for someone to have MAID. This criteria is set out in the Criminal Code of Canada.
- The patient must be capable of making their own health decisions. Others, including power of attorney and healthcare proxies, cannot request MAID for someone else.
- Qualified physicians or nurse practitioners complete assessments to determine if a patient is eligible for MAID. Eligibility is assessed on a case by case basis.
- The Provincial MAID Program and MAID assessors require access to the patient's medical information as part of determining their eligibility.
- Patient's considering MAID as an end-of-life option should contact the MAID program when they have been told they have a serious and incurable condition.



Public MAID website: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/your-health/conditions-diseases-services/medical-assistance-dying>



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Provincial MAID Program

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Or visit [saskhealthauthority.ca](https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca) and search 'medical assistance in dying'



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Medical Assistance In Dying

A Brief Information Pamphlet



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What is MAID?

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) is a legal end of life option.

MAID is a process where a person who meets a number of criteria is given medications at their request by a qualified healthcare provider to cause their death.

The patient must make an explicit request for MAID. Explicit request means a direct request that clearly states what is wanted. This request cannot come from another person.

MAID is not an advance healthcare directive.



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What is the timeline?

MAID is not a 'rushed' or 'urgent' procedure.

It can take days to weeks to months to determine a patient's eligibility, depending on circumstances (patient details, assessor availability, availability of medical information, etc.)

While patient eligibility is being determined, the local healthcare/palliative care team will continue to provide care to the patient.

Where can I have MAID?

A medically assisted death can occur in a variety of settings: home, cabin, hospital, hospice, long term care home, etc.

MAID cannot occur in a public place (i.e. a park). There are a small number of care settings that do not allow MAID to occur.

The Provincial MAID Program works with the patient and others involved in their care to arrange for a move to another location, if needed.

Can I change my mind?

Yes, the patient can change their mind at any point in the process, right up until the first medication is given.

Who can I speak with about MAID?

You may contact the provincial MAID program in the following ways:

Phone: 833-473-6243

Email:

provincialMAIDprogram@saskhealthauthority.ca

A Program staff member will respond to your inquiry between:

08:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday.

What are my other end-of-life options?

For information about other end-of-life care options, please talk to your primary care provider, palliative care team, or visit dyingwithdignity.ca.