



Government of **Western Australia** Department of **Health**

Voluntary assisted dying

- Voluntary assisted dying involves a process to access medication and to enable a person to legally choose the manner and timing of their death.
- Put simply, voluntary assisted dying means that some adults could ask for medical help to end their life if they have a disease or illness that is so severe it is going to cause their death and they are suffering badly.
- The term 'voluntary assisted dying' emphasises the voluntary nature of the choice of the person and their enduring capacity to make this decision.

Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation development

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019 has been developed for introduction to Parliament.

If passed, this will allow eligible people at the end of their life access to voluntary assisted dying.

The Bill includes 102 safeguards that are stringent measures to ensure safe and workable legislation.

[Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019 \(external site\)](#)

Voluntary assisted dying final report

The final report of the Ministerial Expert Panel on voluntary assisted dying was tabled in Parliament on June 27, 2019.

The Report has now been considered by the State Government to help guide the drafting of safe, compassionate and Western Australian appropriate legislation.

[Voluntary assisted dying final report \(PDF 3MB\).](#)

[Voluntary assisted dying final report \(Word 3MB\).](#)

If reading this information on voluntary assisted dying has raised distressing issues for you the following helplines can be contacted for support:

LifeLine WA 13 11 14 (available 24/7) or online chat www.lifelinewa.org.au

The Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 (available 24/7) or online chat www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

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