

Voluntary Versus Non-Voluntary

Voluntary euthanasia occurs when a person takes a deliberate decision to seek assistance in terminating their life. The individual must provide their entire agreement and indicate that they fully comprehend what is about to happen.

Non-voluntary euthanasia occurs when someone else decides to end someone's life. The choice is frequently made by a close family member. When someone is fully unconscious or permanently handicapped, this is usually done. It generally entails passive euthanasia, such as withholding life support from someone who isn't displaying any symptoms of brain activity.

Is Euthanasia Legal

For millennia, people have discussed the ethics and legalities of euthanasia and PAS. Today, rules governing euthanasia and PAS vary by state and country.

In the United States, PAS is legal in:

- Washington
- Oregon
- California
- Colorado
- Montana
- Vermont
- Washington, D.C.
- Hawaii (beginning in 2019)

Each of these states, as well as Washington, D.C., has varying legal requirements. Not all PAS cases are lawful. Furthermore, several states now have PAS initiatives on legislative ballots, so this list is likely to increase.

Outside the United States, PAS is legal in:

- Switzerland
- Germany
- Japan

Euthanasia, including PAS, is legal in several countries, including:

- The Netherlands
- Belgium
- Luxembourg
- Colombia
- Canada