

Free Showing of Sundance Prize-Winning Film



HOW TO DIE IN OREGON

Saturday, March 11 at 1:00 pm

Rockford Library, 215 N. Wyman

We all hope for a peaceful death, and when we're dying, that's what we try for. But sometimes dying is horrible and agonizing. Even with the best palliative care, the diseases that kill us often cause intolerable, extreme pain and suffering.

That's why Illinois needs a medical aid-in-dying law like the one that's been in force in Oregon for more than twenty years.

Medical aid-in-dying is now established in six states (Oregon, Washington, California, Colorado, Vermont and Montana), all across Canada, and in several European countries.

Medical aid-in-dying is only for terminally ill, mentally capable adults. It allows your physician to prescribe medication which you may choose to take to hasten your death ... to skip the final, agonizing stages of dying.

There are layers of safeguards. Two physicians must agree that you are terminally ill and mentally capable. You must make multiple requests and there are multiple waiting periods. **It's a choice – never an obligation** – and you must take the medication yourself. It's something you may choose to do – **not** something that is done to you.

This fascinating film follows several terminally ill Oregon residents who take advantage of Oregon's aid-in-dying law, and the successful 2008 campaign to establish this fundamental human right in the state of Washington. The film won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 2011. Admission free.

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