

# HOW PREPARED ARE AUSTRALIANS FOR DEATH?



Palliative Care Australia

## AUSTRALIANS ARE DROPPING THE BALL AND NOT PLANNING AHEAD



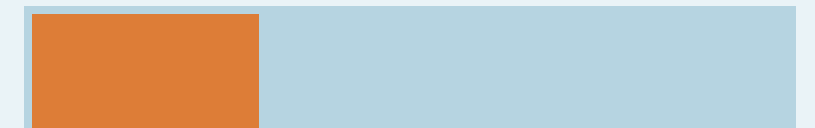
Say it's important to have plans in place should anything unfortunate happen to them



50% have a will



30% have indicated their organ and tissue donation status



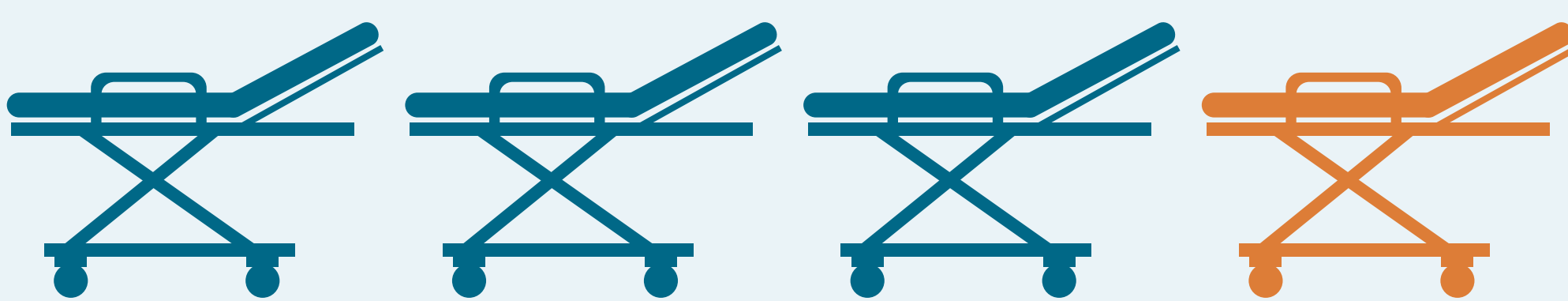
25% have life insurance



20% have a power of attorney

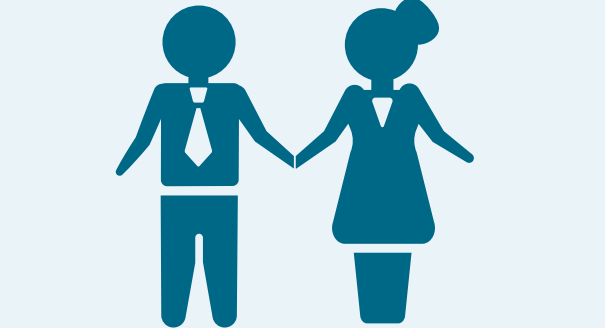


5% have an advance care plan



One in four do not believe their loved ones have enough information to carry out their wishes at the end of their life

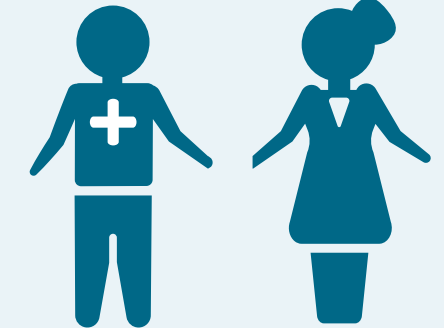
## AUSTRALIANS ARE FAILING TO TALK ABOUT DEATH



One in two have spoken to their partner about the healthcare they want at the end of their life

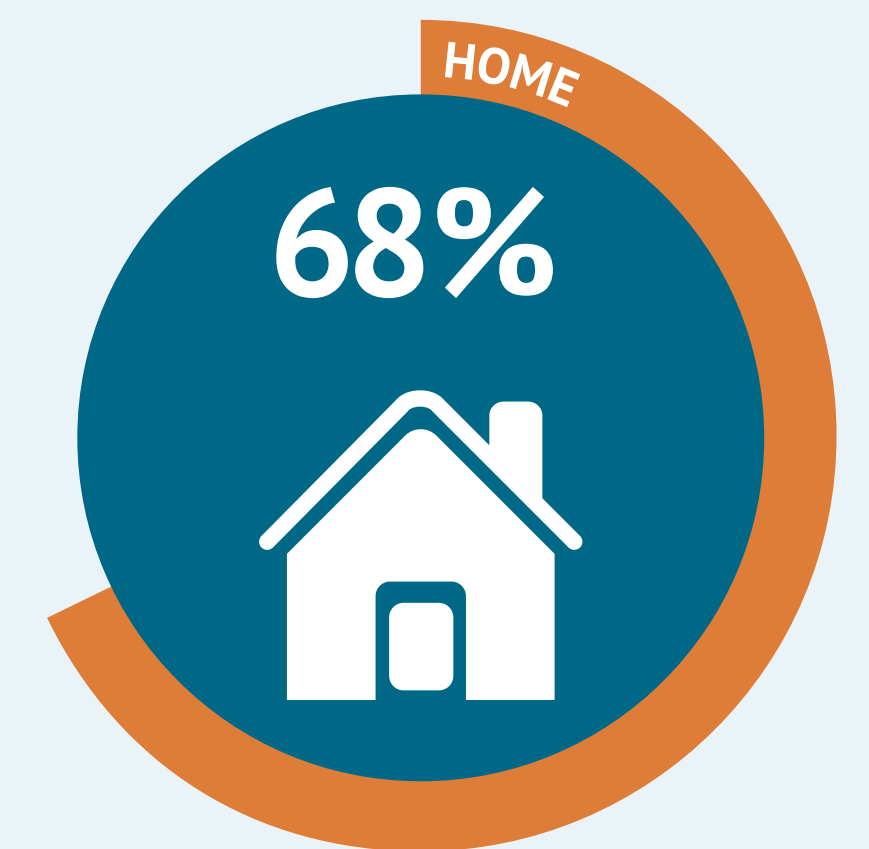


One in four have spoken to their children about the healthcare they want at the end of their life

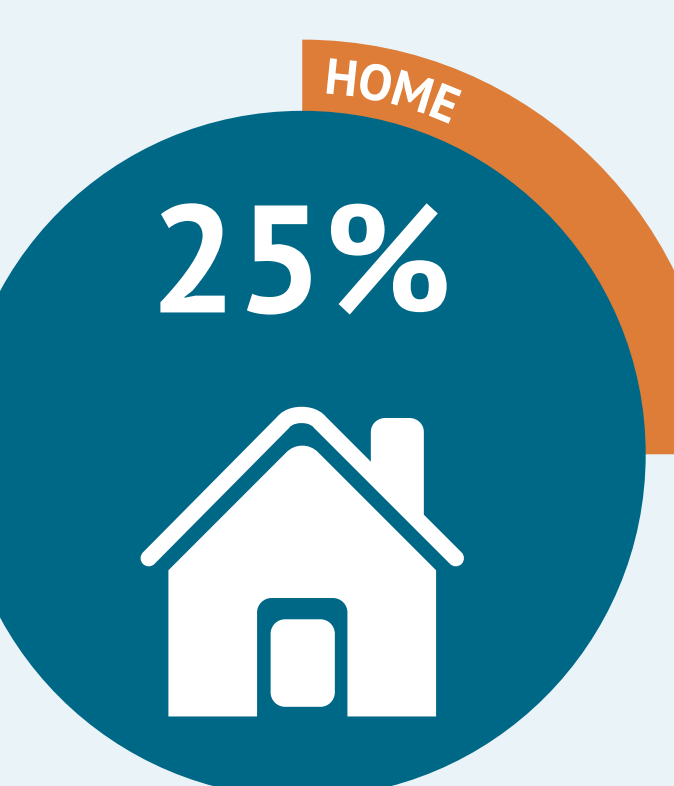
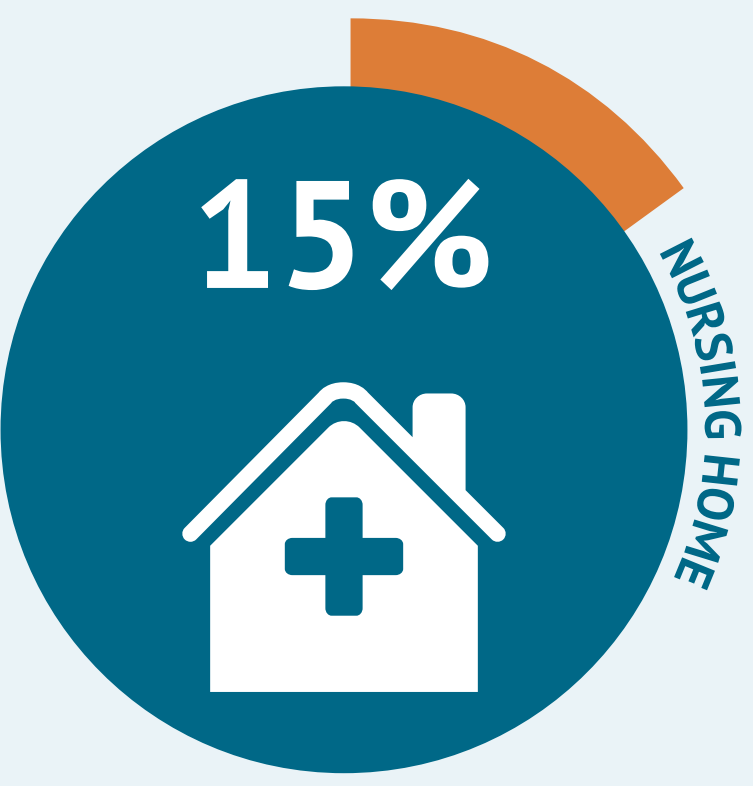


One in ten have spoken to their GP about the healthcare they want at the end of their life

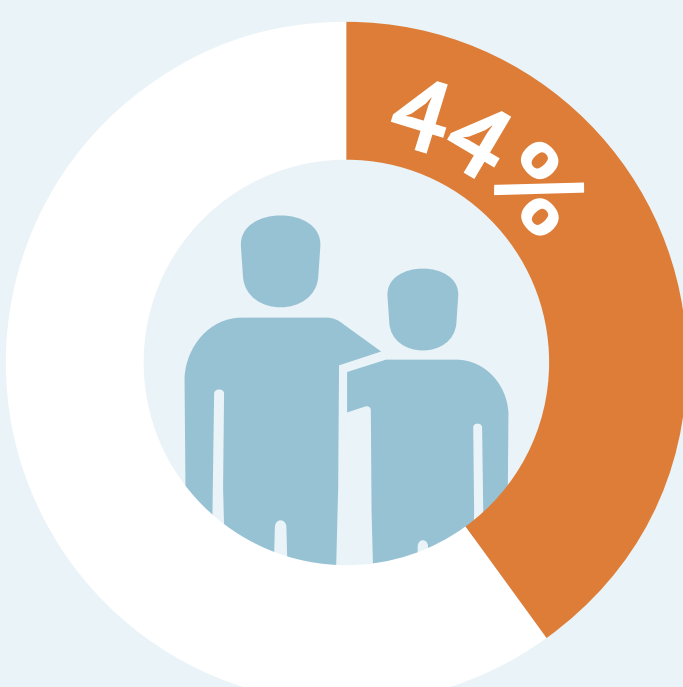
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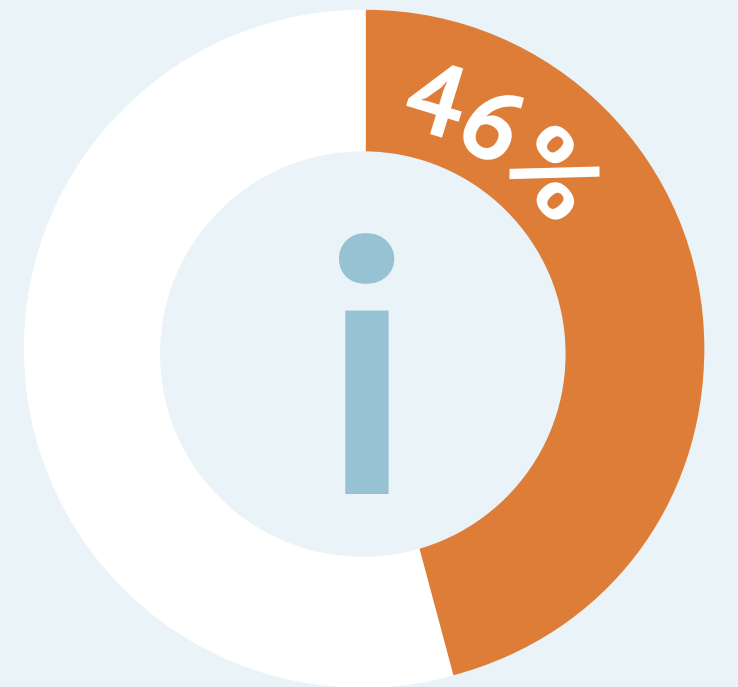


## THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH A LOVED ONE



Indicated their loved one received palliative care

Received information on palliative care from a GP



Cared for in a place of their own choosing



Only half felt they had enough information to carry out their loved one's wishes at their end of life.

National Palliative Care Week (25-31 May 2014) encourages Australians to think about how they would like to spend the final weeks of their life – who they want looking after them and where they'd want to be. To ensure quality care at the end of life so that Australians can live and die well, we all need to take responsibility.

The findings are based on an independent survey conducted via an online research panel in April 2014 with 1,003 Australian men and women aged 18 years and above participating, all of whom have lost a loved one in the last five years. Pure Profile conducted the survey and utilised ageographically representative sample.

National Palliative Care Week is an initiative of Palliative Care Australia, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

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