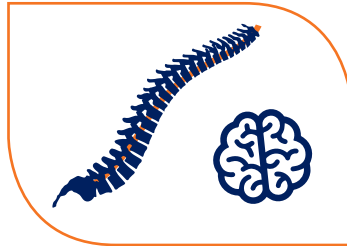


Motor neurone disease kills a third of people within a year **and** **more than** **half within** **two years of** **diagnosis.**

MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that **affects the brain and spinal cord.**



MND attacks the nerves that control movement so muscles no longer work. It **does not usually affect the senses** such as sight, sound, feeling etc.



MND can leave people locked in a failing body, **unable to move, talk and eventually breathe.**

Over 80% of people with MND will have communication difficulties, including for some, a **complete loss of voice.**



Around **50%** of people with MND experience some form of cognitive change while living with the disease. This can affect their thinking or behaviour.

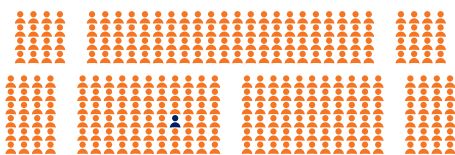
MND affects people **from all backgrounds.**



The percentage rises to around **80%** for people who are in the advanced stages of the disease.



A person's lifetime risk of developing MND is up to 1 in 300. That's one person in an average size cinema screen.



It affects more than **5,000** adults in the UK at any one time.



Six people are diagnosed every day. More than 5,000 people are fighting MND at various stages of the disease. **Six people die each and every day.**

MND - there is no cure.

The MND Association focuses on improving access to care, research and campaigning for those people living with or affected by MND in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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