

**OK to Die Blog**  
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If you are 15 years old and you are walking to school and are hit by a car and you are dying, this is an emergency.

If you are 85 years old and you are out doing your morning walk and are hit by a car and are dying, this is an emergency.

An unexpected dying at any age is an emergency.

In contrast, there are many people dying of advanced chronic and terminal illnesses whose dying should really NOT be an emergency. Yet these poor people come to the Emergency Department for help because they do not know two very important things:

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