

People are often reluctant to refer in a direct way to **death**, and there are therefore many phrases that allow you to avoid using the word itself.

**to die**

breathe your last  
cash in your chips (*slang*)  
pop your clogs (*slang*)  
give up the ghost  
lose your life  
snuff it (*slang*)  
pass away  
go belly up (*US slang*)

kick the bucket (*slang*)  
shuffle off this mortal coil  
bite the dust  
depart this life  
meet your maker  
go the way of all flesh  
peg out (*slang*)

**dying young**

go to an early grave

be cut off in your prime

**dead**

pushing up the daisies (*slang*)  
six feet under (*slang*)  
at rest

dead as a doornail/dodo  
put to the sword  
gone to the happy hunting-ground

**approaching death**

someone's days are numbered  
not be long for this world  
your number is up

be at death's door  
your hour has come

**to murder someone**

bump someone off (*slang*)  
do someone in (*slang*)

do away with someone  
rub someone out (*slang*)