

# Heart and Circulatory Disorders

For example:

Heart attack

Stroke

High Blood Pressure

# Cancer

## Most common:

Lung cancer

Bowel cancer

Stomach and Oesophageal  
cancer

Breast cancer

# **Respiratory (Lung) Disorders**

**For example:**

**Pneumonia**

**Bronchitis (common in  
smokers)**

**COPD (due to smoking)**

**Influenza (Flu)**

**Asthma**

# **Nervous System Disorders**

**(Brain, spinal cord and nerves)**

**For example:**

**Dementia (e.g. Alzheimer's)**

**Parkinson's Disease**

**Motor Neuron Disease**

**Epilepsy**

**Multiple Sclerosis**

# Digestive Disorders

For example:

**Disease which affect blood flow  
to the bowel**

**Liver failure (often due to  
alcohol)**

**Stomach ulcers**

# **Kidney Disorders**

**For example:**

**Blockage or infection of the  
kidney**

**Kidney failure (often due to  
diabetes and high blood  
pressure)**

# Infections

For example:

**Diarrhoea and vomiting bugs**

**MRSA**

**Meningitis**

**HIV**

**TB**

**Influenza/Flu**

**Covid-19**

# **Non-transport accidents**

For example:

**Falls**

**Accidental drug overdose (e.g.  
heroin)**

**Choking and suffocation**

**Fire**

**Drowning**



# **Diabetes**

**Usually people die because of the damage that diabetes causes to their kidneys and blood vessels.**

# Musculoskeletal Disorders

For example:  
Osteoporosis  
Arthritis

# **Suicide**

# **Transport accidents**

**For example:**

**Car/motorbike/train crashes**

# **Mental Health Disorders**

**For example:**

**Drug abuse**

**Schizophrenia**

**Eating disorders**

# Undetermined Events

**This is when it is not clear whether a person dies because of an accident, self harm or assault.**

**Murder**

# **Medical Complications**

**These are usually problems that occur after surgery, for example, after an organ transplant or a heart bypass.**



# **Pregnancy and Birth**

For example:

**Babies that die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (cot death)**

**Problems or infections during birth**

**Mothers who have very high blood pressure or lose a lot of blood**

**War**