

In another grim example, Herbert Dachs, a 28-year old bricklayer; could not stand life when his mistress left him. After giving her a final telephone call, he drove his car at 150 kms an hour straight into a railway bridge. A suicide note found in the car read, "I am going to meet my death in my car, the only thing I have left."

There are other variations of suicide at the wheel.

"A family man killed himself with his 19-year-old mistress, and explained in a suicide note that he had decided to crash into a tree at the side of an isolated road to avoid causing any other victims."

Why does a suicide victim choose a car to kill himself? A psychologist pointed out that there was a relationship between the would-be suicide victim and his car comparable to the intimacy of lovers in classical cases of suicide.

He said, "The suicide does not only want to kill himself. He goes to his death with his most, valuable possession, and his most loyal, constant and adorned companion. He wants to be isolated from what he considers to be evil surroundings." "The proof of this is that the majority of these suicides victim lock all their car doors on their last drive."

"Women rarely commit suicide in this manner for fear of being disfigured. They prefer poison or gas." He added.

Most of West Germany's 12,000 suicides victims last year either hanged themselves or shot themselves, the psychologist said. But the new kinds of suicides present an insoluble problem from the police and insurance firms as many suicide cases fall into the "killed while speeding" category.

One theory is that some suicides try to hide what they are doing so their families can claim insurance benefits.

"If there are no traces of braking and if the road is dry, the car is in good working condition and the driver is not wearing his seat-belt, then we have a possible suicide case in our hands," an insurance expert said.

"But no judge will accept these clues and even a farewell letter is not enough for him. So in most cases we come to a friendly arrangement with the family."

But according to the West Germany Transport Ministry, five cars every day drive down an auto ban on the wrong side, killing themselves.

### Questions

1. What is the nature of the new kind of suicide in West Germany?
2. Why do some people choose a car to kill themselves?
3. How does the new kind of suicide create problems for the police and insurance firms?
4. What are the clues that make an insurance expert guess that there is a possible suicide case?



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## QUESTION # 01

What is the nature of the new kind of suicide... ?

### Answer

The new kind of suicide emerging in West Germany is suicide while over-speeding. The typical way of killing oneself in Western Germany was either through hanging or through bullets, but psychologist had suggested new kind of suicide method prevailing in Western Germany affirmed by the statements of police and insurance companies. This new method of killing oneself can be described as, "killed while speeding".

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## QUESTION # 2

Why do some people choose a car to kill themselves?

Answer:

Some people choose a car to kill themselves, and it is because of, as stated and pointed out by psychologist, the trust and intimacy among the people committing suicide and the car. People who commit suicide are alone and separate themselves with their most precious and cherished thing. They tend to isolate themselves with their, as they believe, loyal things and from the evil they are running from before they kill themselves. Psychologist narrated that it is their intimacy and loyalty that make them choose a car to kill themselves. Psychologist believes that locking all door before over-speeding is a key evidence in this regard.



### QUESTION # 03

How does the new kind of suicide create problems... ?

### Answer

The new kind of suicide is 'killed while speeding'.

The person committing suicide violates the traffic rules. It brings the police into the picture as police is held responsible for not being able to tackle the situation on time, and prevent it on time. As for insurance firms, people committing suicide try to keep it calm so that their families could claim the benefits after their death.

Judges of court did not count it suicide and they did not even accept suicide note in court. So, insurance companies had to come on friendly terms with family of the deceased.

### QUESTION # 04

What are the clues that make an insurance --- ?



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ANSWER:

An insurance officer stated that there is possibility of suicide case if a car is over-speeding and there are no sign of braking.

If the car is in good condition and road is dry yet no braking, it means there is a possible suicide case at hand.