# External Causes of Death

Case 1

Around 7.30 am in the morning a 24 year old apparently healthy person man was met with a road traffic accident. He had a severe impact on his head and lost consciousness for few minutes. He was taken to the nearest hospital and was admitted to the emergency department. He developed vomiting and was drowsy. Head injury observation chart was set up and he was kept under close observation. Skull x ray did not show any fractures. There were no facilities to do a CT scan in the hospital. Around 3.30 pm he developed a seizure. On clinical suspicion of increasing intracranial pressure he was administered intravenous drugs to reduce the intracranial pressure and he was taken to the surgical theatre and bore hole was attempted to evaluate possible bleeding in the brain. However, his condition worsened and despite all attempts he died around 7 pm in the same afternoon.

Case 2

On 14.01.2006 an 84 year old man slipped on same level and fell down, resulting in fractures. After being admitted for care, fractures of the left Ischium and Ilium were reduced.

Due to prolonged inactivity he developed "Bronchopneumonia" on 15th February and died 6 days later.

Autopsy revealed also fractured hip and pelvis, cardiac hypertophy, chronic fibrous myocarditis and coronary sclerosis.