

How We Kill Our Pet Birds

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We spend so much time talking about how to care for our birds, the right [bird food](#), proper size [bird cage](#) the right [bird cage accessories](#) and [bird toys](#). But we never talk about the other side. The sadly ironic side of having a pet bird.

The single biggest reason our birds die is - we kill them. Rather than expanding on each and every hazard, I'm going to list all the we came up with.

Lands on edge of drinking glass, reaches down for liquid and falls head first & drowns

Flies or falls into a mop bucket

Flies or falls into a toilet

Flies into a mirror

Water bottle malfunctions while you're out-of-town for 3 days - bird suffers dehydration

Electrocution by chewing through electrical wire

Flies into open oven

Flies into boiling water pot

Fumes emitted from Teflon cookware heated over 535 degrees (Birds are 90% lungs - people)

Using Teflon coated heat lamps to keep babies warm has killed chicks even at zoos

Bird gets stuck on single toy hung in middle of cage - gets tired and can't reach cage walls to leave toy - falls off toy from exhaustion

Toe caught in knot of chain - flaps uncontrollably until injury or death

Flies into old fashion glue fly paper - flaps uncontrollably until injury or death

Mouse trap under couch

Impaled on knife or sharp object on kitchen counter

Bird get laid on because someone thought it was cute to sleep with their bird

Flying out the door

Ingestion of home cleaning product

Sucked into a vacuum

Stepped on

Squeezed too hard by a young child

Bird bites finger, clamps on - person shakes hand to get bird to release - bird hits floor or wall and dies

Run-ins with ceiling fans (Vets call them shredded tweet!)

Second hand smoke

Crushed in a sliding glass door

Other house pet kills bird

Other birds - Lovebirds will bite other birds toes - toe loss can cause a bird to bleed to death

Wrong human food - avocado, chocolate, caffeine

Place bird in outdoor cage in the morning, bird bakes in afternoon sun

Introduce sick bird into home without quarantine