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Nursing Home Patient Dies When Struck By Car In Busy Street. What Was He Doing There?

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No one at [Emeritus of Prospect Heights](#) nursing home, thought much about why William Spears, a resident at the facility, was headed out for a stroll—at 11 p.m.--- on a cold February night— and with his walker. Why?

That's what authorities from the Prospect Heights Police Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health are likely asking of the staff at the Chicagoland nursing home. Shortly after Mr. Spears walked out of the facility for his midnight stroll, he was struck by a SUV as he entered a busy nearby street.

According to a Chicago Tribune [report](#) of the incident, Mr. Spears, 78, had been a resident at the Emeritus facility for seven years.

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I find situations such as this-- when patients receive horrific injuries-- inexcusable! Too frequently we see patients injured when they leave the safety of their facility and face a world they are incapable of handling on their own. At some point, staff at these facilities needs to step in and use their common sense to help ensure the safety of the residents.

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