

Compressive Asphyxia

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Compressive Asphyxia Latest News

The death toll in the stampede at Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam's (TVK) rally at Velusampuram has climbed to 41, with doctors attributing most fatalities to compressive asphyxia due to crowd crush.

What is Asphyxia?

- Asphyxia or asphyxiation occurs when the **body does not get enough oxygen**.
 - **Respiration** is the process of **air moving in and out of your lungs**.
 - **Humans take in oxygen**, which is **circulated to all of the cells** throughout the body via the blood, and **carbon dioxide is then removed** through the same system.
- **When asphyxia occurs**, and the **body does not get** the amount of **oxygen it needs**, it can **cause a person to become unconscious or even die**.

About Compressive Asphyxia

- This type of physical asphyxia **happens when an outside force keeps you from expanding your chest to breathe.**
- Your **lungs are “crushed” and can’t take in air.**
- This **can happen from a crowd of people pressing against your body** or a person’s weight on your chest.

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