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**WHAT DOES COLLATERAL DAMAGE MEAN?**

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What does the phrase 'collateral damage' mean?

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'Collateral damage' refers to unintended civilian casualties or damage to non-military buildings during military action.

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Here's some background information: The word 'collateral' refers to something that is secondary, or subordinate.

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The term 'collateral damage' was used by the U.S. military during the Vietnam war (1955-1975) and it was later used regularly during the Gulf War (1991).

Here is a typical example . . .

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The picture shows an elderly man selling beds in Kabul. Behind him we see 'collateral damage'.

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NOTE: There are some objections to the use of the term when referring to civilian deaths during a military conflict mainly because it desensitizes the harsh reality of the loss of human life.

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The term 'collateral damage' is now often used in a general way to refer to secondary damage, to something that was damaged unintentionally.

For example . . .

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The photographer wrote regarding this Eucalyptus tree: "Collateral damage. Its roots damaged the path and the kerb. The contractors repaired the path and the kerb. So the tree got damaged!"

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So remember: in a military context, collateral damage refers to civilian deaths or damage to non-military buildings.

In a general sense, it can refer to secondary damage that happens unintentionally.

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