

TIME TRAVEL

I'd like to undo a wrong.

Recently in Wisconsin, 6 children were found unconscious around an inside motel pool. All of the children were rushed to the hospital. Five of the children survived. A 13-year-old boy died from carbon monoxide poisoning. A reporter realized the Wisconsin story was similar to a story that was covered in 2013 about a North Carolina motel. A mother and son were found unconscious in their motel room directly above the inside pool. The 11-year-old son died.

Paramedics that responded in North Carolina knew that 7 weeks earlier a retired couple had also died in the same room.

DAYS after the retired couple died, two floors up from the pool, family and friends having a pool party/sleepover were sickened by carbon monoxide fumes. No one died.

I would like to change events so that the story would read... well there wouldn't be anything to write about. Before the retired couple checked into the motel, good routine maintenance would have repaired the broken pipe in the pool area that was spewing carbon monoxide.

No story here, the family and friends group, and the mother and son wouldn't be overcome by CO poisoning.

Theoretically, all motel chains would have wonderful routine maintenance and also have \$30 CO detectors placed in their buildings.

Unintended consequences are usually a surprise when they happen. If I were able to change the story to no CO deaths, how would changing history change the future? We are social beings, and as such we have connections. Have you ever had a slightly familiar person approach you and thank you for something you either said or did for them? You don't remember this person, let alone a conversation or suggestion you may have offered. You can't reach back and just change one little thing. There are many outcomes attached to that one little thing. Being a science fiction fan, I know that any time travel has the possibility of re-arranging the time continuum, and I just might knock the current ME out of existence by doing a quick adjustment in the past. Time travel? No thanks.