

mayhem[ˈmeɪhem] *n*

1. *юр. уст.* нанесение увечья
to commit mayhem on smb. - нанести увечье кому-л.
2. драка, свалка; волнения

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may·hem [mayhem mayhems] *BrE* ['meɪhem] [Ⓜ] *NAmE* ['meɪhem] [Ⓜ] *noun***uncountable**

confusion and fear, usually caused by violent behaviour or by some sudden shocking event

- There was absolute mayhem when everyone tried to get out at once.
- I only takes a few stupid people to create mayhem in a crowd.

Word Origin:early 16th cent.: from Old French *mayhem* (see ↑*maim*). The sense 'disorder' (originally US) dates from the late 19th cent.Example Bank:

- The gales caused mayhem across much of the country.
- The terrorists brought mayhem to the crowded shopping area.

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may·hem /'meɪhem/ *BrE* [Ⓜ] *AmE* [Ⓜ] *noun* [uncountable][**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Anglo-French; **Origin:** *mahaime* 'crime of cutting off someone's arm or leg', from Old French *maynier*; ⇒ ↑*maim*]an extremely confused situation in which people are very frightened or excited **SYN** chaos:

- * There was complete mayhem after the explosion.

cause/create/wreak mayhem

- * For some children, the first fall of snow is an opportunity to create mayhem.

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