

## Resolved Question

### If the President dies in office or is impeached, does the vice president finish out the term?

And what if both die while in office; the speaker of the house takes over, but for how long? 4 years? or is there another election in that case?

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## Other Answers (18)

**D.Knows** If there is a VP, the VP would ascend to the presidency and finish the term. In the event that both the President and VP are unable to serve, then the Speaker of the House would ascend to the presidency. Whoever ascends to the presidency, serves until the next presidential election. The presidential election is held every 4 years, in years evenly divisible by 4 (e.g. 2000, 2004, 2008, etc.).

For instance, President Nixon was elected in 1968 and re-elected in 1972. His VP, Spiro Agnew, resigned in 1973 and Gerald Ford was appointed VP. In 1974, Nixon resigned and Ford became president. In 1976, the presidential election was held as normal, and Ford was elected president. In 1980, Ford ran for re-election, but was defeated by Jimmy Carter.

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**RoVale** Yes, the vice president takes over. The last time I recall this happening was when Richard Nixon resigned and Gerald Ford became president. To this date, Ford is the only unelected president we have ever had because Nixon selected him after his predecessor, **Spiro Agnew**, resigned after pleading no contest to taking bribes.

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## NAQT Invitational Series #120, Packet 1

16. In his memoir, *Go Quietly . . . or Else!* this vice president said that the president wanted to have him assassinated.  
For 10 points each—

A. Name this Vice President who resigned after being pleading no contest to taking bribes in 1973.

answer: Spiro (Theodore) Agnew