

10 ways a batsmen can be out

There are ten ways a batsman can be out - five are very common and five very rare.

More often than not a batsman will be **caught**, **bowled**, given **leg before wicket** (lbw), **run out** or **stumped**.

The five other ways to lose your wicket range from the uncommon to the almost unseen.

The uncommon methods, but not unheard of, are **hit wicket** - when a batsman removes his or her own bails, usually accidentally - and **handled the ball** - when he handles the ball without permission from the fielding side.

The almost unseen are **hit the ball twice** (also known as 'double hit') - as it suggests, deliberately hitting the ball twice; **obstructing the field** - when the batsman prevents fielders from executing a run out or a catch; and **timed out**, which is when a new batsman takes too long to appear on the field.

It's worth knowing however that for the batsman to be given out, the fielding team have to appeal to the umpire by asking "how's that?"