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# Lethal Eruptions at Kīlauea — It's Not the Volcano's Fault

## *After Dark in the Park*

Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

*Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium*

## *Hike*

Saturday, January 23, 2016  
10:00 a.m.

*Kīlauea Visitor Center*

Volcanic activity from Kīlauea produces both lava flows and explosive eruptions. Both types of activity occur about equally often and both have killed people and destroyed property. The most recent fatality from an explosive eruption occurred when a man was crushed by a boulder ejected from Kīlauea in 1924, and last year, Kīlauea flows destroyed a structure outside of the national park. Volcanic disasters happen when people are caught by these natural events. We can't control the volcano, but, in a perfect world, we can control our presence on the volcano. The world isn't perfect, however, and that's where the problems come in. Don Swanson, research geologist at the USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, discusses past lethal eruptions, why they were deadly, and what we can expect in the future.

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