

# Pope goes to hospital after fall

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**Pope Benedict XVI has been admitted to hospital after a fall while on holiday in northern Italy, but the Vatican says he was not seriously hurt.**

The Pope, 82, went for a check-up at a hospital in the alpine town of Aosta.

"It is nothing serious," Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi was quoted as saying.

Reports say the Pope walked into the hospital with an aide. Pope Benedict, elected pontiff in 2005, was formerly Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

The Pope is reported to have injured one of his wrists. A Vatican statement is expected after the medical checks.

The Pope has been staying at a modest house with a view of Mont Blanc, in the village of Les Combes in the Valle d'Aosta region. It was a favourite vacation spot for his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.



Pope Benedict slipped and fell while on holiday, the Vatican says

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