

Going under?

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“Go under” you may know. Mortals sometimes drive their cars “under a bridge” (...por debajo un puente).

There are other uses. It can mean to sink (hundirse), and to auction (subastar) something.

A business can go under (irse a pique), that is, into liquidation (liquidación). Many businesses are going under as a result of the Covid 19 virus restrictions.

Examine these:

- The bank went under after the crash (... se hundió despues del crac).
- Ricardo´s Ferrari will “go under the hammer” this month (...será puesto en subasta...)
- The ship is going under (está a punto de hundirse), or the ship is sinking.

There is a medical use (informal). If someone “is going under the knife” tomorrow, it means that he is going to have a hospital operation (intervención).