New Walking Car Could Save Many Lives

Why has a car with legs been designed?

- **Hyundai have unveiled a car with four legs at the CES in Las Vegas, USA.**

- **It says the vehicle will be able to take emergency workers straight to the victims of disasters.**

Illustration: A walking car in a disaster zone.

What will the technology of the future be? A Korean car company has wowed people with its idea for a car with legs.

The walking car was unveiled by carmakers Hyundai. It's called Elevate and could save thousands of lives.

Elevate will be able to take emergency workers straight to victims of natural disasters, such as earthquakes and tsunamis. Hyundai claims that it can climb a 5ft (1.5m) wall, step over a 5ft gap and reach a width of 15ft.

Currently, the first responders to emergencies, such as doctors or firefighters, often struggle to get quickly to the disaster scene.

However, this new walking car could get helpers straight to the area. It's able to "climb over flood debris and crumbled concrete," according to John Suh, a vice president of Hyundai.

The new vehicle was revealed at the CES, an annual event that takes place in Las Vegas, USA. Among the other exhibits was a hoverbike that could help the police to intercept hostile drones.

Other displays, however, were more lighthearted, including a device that could fold your clothes for you. Could this become one chore we don't have to do in the future?

These inventions might sound pretty odd but it's often the crazy-sounding devices which change our lives.

Today, people take smartphones for granted; however, 12 years ago, they were seen as revolutionary.

During the 20th century, specialists in STEM subjects developed products that have transformed our lives.

In medicine, inventions such as microscopic cameras and x-ray machines have saved millions of lives.

Many people worry about new technology and whether it will affect their jobs.

Whatever people's opinions, however, it's clear that new technology will continue to transform our lives.

Glossary

CES	The Consumer Electronics Show, a yearly show for new inventions and technology.
tsunamis	Long, high sea waves, often caused by earthquakes.
hostile	Being unfriendly.
STEM	Science, technology, engineering and mathematics.