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preposition

because of somebody/something

used to say who or what causes something to happen or is the reason for something:

He had to retire because of ill health.

We spent three hours waiting in the rain because of you!

In written English, people often prefer to use the expressions **due to** something, **owing to** something, or **as a result of** something, which sound more formal than **because of** something:

*Many businesses fail **due to** cash-flow problems.*

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