

LOOK OUT BELOW!

In the Middle Ages, from about AD 500 to about 1500, people pooped in chamber pots. When people dumped the contents out their windows they often warned unsuspecting pedestrians by shouting "gardy loo!" - a term borrowed from the French "*gardez l'eau*" meaning "watch out for the water."



From: Morna E. Gregory and Sian James, *Toilets of the World*. New York: Merrell Publishing, 2009.