How To Recognize if Chemical Agents Have Been Used

Outdoors

• Dead plants
  – Some chemicals will kill plant life quickly, so if you see a lot of dead grass or flowers - stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

• Dead insects/no insects
  – Chemical agents may kill or drive off insects. You may see large numbers of dead insects on the ground - stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

• Dead or dying animals
  – Chemicals hurt animals. If groups of animals seem sick or are dying at the same time - stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

Injuries and Deaths
- Chemicals could be used indoors and outdoors. Many people will become sick or die.
- If you see a lot of people sick or dying, stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

Other

If it hasn’t rained and there are puddles near sick people, plants or animals - stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

If there are strange dusts or powders near sick people, plants or animals - stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

If you see workers spraying wrong places or leaving their work equipment - stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

If you hear loud bangs or pops or see bombs explode then see liquid puddles or clouds - stay away from the area. Chemical agents may have been used.

Remember: Sometimes there may be more than one bomb. The other bombs may explode later.

For more information, call your local or state health department

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