Weapons which cause injuries of various kinds and degrees to man and beast by the use of the asphyxiating, toxic, irritant, paralysing, growth-regulating, anti-lubricating or catalytic properties of a solid, liquid or gaseous chemical.

Chemical weapons may also pollute food, beverages and materials. Their use, manufacture and stockpiling are prohibited.

See Biological and bacteriological weapons [1]; Means of warfare [2]; Weapons [3]; Conduct of hostilities [4];
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