

Any object which is not a **military objective** ^[1].

A civilian object must not be attacked unless it is used in a way that renders it a **military objective** ^[1]. It may not be the target of reprisals ^[2].

In case of doubt whether an object which is normally a civilian object (e.g., a place of worship, a house or other dwellings, a school) is a **military objective** ^[1], it must be considered as a civilian object.

See **Property** ^[3]; **Cultural property** ^[4]; **Environment** ^[5]; **Water** ^[6];

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Chapter 9, 9. Protected objects ^[7]

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definition

PI, 52 ^[8]

CIHL, 9 ^[9]

Protection: general (+ principle of distinction)

HR, 23(g) ^[10], 25 ^[11], 26 ^[12], 27 ^[13], 28 ^[14], 46 ^[15], 47 ^[16], 52 ^[17], 53 ^[18], 54 ^[19]

GCIV, 33 ^[20], 46 ^[21], 53 ^[22]

PI, 48 ^[23], 51 ^[24], 52 ^[8], 57 ^[25]

CIHL, 7 ^[26], 8 ^[27], 9 ^[9], 10 ^[28]

Protection: precautionary measures (See also Precautions against the effects of attacks ^[29]; Precautions in attack ^[30])

HR, 26 ^[12]-27 ^[13]

PI, 48 ^[31], 51 ^[24], 56-58 ^[32]

Protection: prohibition of confiscation

HR, 46/2 ^[15]

CIHL, 51(a) and (c) ^[33]

Protection: prohibition of destruction and seizure unless required by military necessity (See also Property ^[3]; Seizure ^[34])

HR, 23(g) ^[10]

GCIV, 53 ^[22]

PI, 54/5 ^[35]

CIHL, 50 ^[36]

Protection: against direct attack

HR, 25 ^[37], 27 ^[38]

PI, 52/1 ^[39], 56 ^[32], 59-60 ^[40]

CIHL, 7 ^[26] and 10 ^[28]

Protection: prohibition of indiscriminate attacks (See also Indiscriminate attacks ^[41])

PI, 52/4-5 ^[39]

Protection: prohibition of pillage (See also Pillage ^[42])

HR, 28 ^[43]

GCI, 15/1 ^[44] (see ICRC updated Commentary ^[45])

GCII, 18/1 ^[46] (see ICRC updated Commentary ^[47])

GCIV, 16 ^[48], 33 ^[20]

PII, 4/2(g) ^[49], 8 ^[50]

Protection: presumption of civilian character

PI, 52/3 ^[39]

Protection: prohibition of reprisals (See also Reprisals ^[2])

GCIV, 33 ^[20]

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pecially protected objects

cultural objects (See Cultural objects ^[4])

indispensable for the survival of the civilian population (See Objects
indispensable for the survival of the civilian population ^[54])

works and installations containing dangerous forces (See Works and installations containing dangerous forces ^[55])

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