

**Is
Chemical/Biological
Terrorism Really a
Threat???**

There Have Only Been 101 Documented Cases (1900-1999)

- 25 of those cases were religiously motivated**
- 17 were national separatists groups**
- 8 were single issue groups (anti-abortion, animal rights)**
- 5 were by lone actors**
- 5 were by Political Activists (right/left wing)**

THE NUMBERS

5554 Injuries have been documented from the 101 attacks in 99 years.

10 Fatalities

6 people were killed when the Terrorist group Aum Shinrikyo let out nerve gas in a Tokyo subway. 60% of all fatalities were from this isolated incident.

Only ONE death occurred in North America

Just a Few Points

In order for chemical and biological agents to inflict mass death and destruction, terrorists would have to release mass amounts of the agent and have the correct means of delivery, plus a little help from weather conditions. Dispersing large amounts of these agents is nearly impossible in open areas and can be countered by a speedy administration of the antidote.

Points continued...

-Chemical and biological attacks generally target specific individuals rather inflicting casualties on a large scale.

-Very few of the chemical agents that are attainable are actually lethal

-Many groups in the US that want to inflict mass casualties through chemical or biological weapons are in cells too small to acquire or use them.

Points (again)

Most terrorist organizations that have the financial resources to acquire chemical/biological weapons are stopped by the F.B.I before they can attack.

Chemical/Biological agents that are attainable and lethal can still be rendered useless by certain temperatures and lighting conditions making it extremely difficult for terrorists to inflict massive damage.

After Sept. 11th the Homeland Security Budget has increased to \$40 billion. This money is used to track terrorists, keep them from deploying these weapons and to make vaccines for the agents that are used.