

Figure 1.1 ► Chronology of Alleged Russian Poisonings, 2000–2010

Year	Alleged Poisoning
2002	Omar Ibn al-Khattab, a Chechen Sunni jihadist, dies from a poisoned letter sent by the Russian FSB.
2003	Duma deputy and opposition newspaper editor Yuri Shchekochikin mysteriously dies. His family believes that he was a victim of poisoning—possibly with dioxin.
2004	Russian presidential candidate Ivan Rybkin goes missing for several days in advance of the election and later claims he was drugged by Russian authorities.
2004	Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko is poisoned with dioxin; Yushchenko suspects a Ukrainian-Russian cabal.
2004	Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya says she was poisoned on a flight she took to cover the Beslan school tragedy.
2006	Former KGB officer and later Kremlin critic Aleksander Litvinenko dies from polonium-210 radiation poisoning in London. The Russian government refuses Britain's request to extradite the prime suspect.