

Trapping Pieces

Chess

How pieces get trapped, and which are most vulnerable.

Common trapping patterns.

Piece	Trapped by	Classic case
Bishop	Pawn advance	Bxh2 with g3 and Kg2
Knight	On the rim	Na5 hit by b4
Rook	Grabbing a pawn	Rxa2 trapped by Ra1
Queen	Deep in enemy territory	Qxb2 in many openings

The Poisoned Pawn is exactly this: a pawn offered so the capturing piece can be trapped. Count escape squares before grabbing.