

Methamphetamine Labs are Hazardous

Methamphetamine labs represent a potential health hazard far greater than any other type of drug activity.

Many toxic and highly explosive chemicals are used to manufacture methamphetamine. There could literally be a bomb ready to go off in your own neighborhood.

Report suspicious activity immediately and leave the premises if you are anywhere near the suspected lab.

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Some Signs that Signal a Methamphetamine Lab



Suspicious odors are a clue!

A strong ammonia smell
(like a cat's litter box)

A stong solvent smell
(like paint thinner)

Other clues that a methamphetamine lab might be in your neighborhood...

Chemical drums or other chemical containers with labels painted over

Glass flasks, beakers and rubber tubing like the type found in high school chemistry classes

Milk bottles or jugs, refilled with mysterious liquids

Garbage containing broken flasks, bottles and dirty looking glass and other chemical paraphernalia

Maroon colored residue on aluminum materials in the house

What is Methamphetamine?

Methamphetamine is a stimulant. Nicknames include: meth, crank, speed, crystal, and others. Methamphetamine is usually ingested, snorted, smoked, or injected.

"Pharmaceutical" grade methamphetamine is a dry, white, crystalline powder. However, some methamphetamine sold on the street is yellowish, or even brown, and is sometimes the consistency of damp powdered sugar. The drug has a strong medicinal smell to it. It is often sold in tiny, sealable plastic bags.

Hard-core methamphetamine addicts get very little sleep and they look like it. Chronic users and "cooks"--those that manufacture the drug--may have open sores on their skin, bad teeth, and generally appear unclean. Habitual users may develop nervous twitching, lip biting, picking or tapping behaviors that they did not have before methamphetamine use. Paranoid and erratic behavior combined with the regular late-night activity are potential indicators.