



Crystal Meth Lab's ...

A Guide ... what to do if you find a meth lab

For all housing professionals



Street name's for methamphetamine

- Crystal Meth—(Pic above)
- krank
- Piss
- Tina
- Tweak
- Ice
- Glass
- Hydro



What is Meth

Once very big amongst some of the US gay community but now spreading fast into mainstream culture, meth was first developed as a recreational drug by the Nazis in the 1930s then used by bikers and truckers to stay awake on long journeys. Crystal is made of highly volatile, toxic substances and It is now seen as the most addictive and physically harmful of all "recreational" type drugs with the only cure usually death.

The first hazard of the meth lab is the cooks who may become extremely dangerous and violent when discovered or indeed may return after the initial discovery. Meth addicts are notoriously uncontrollable.

Apart from flu type medicines large quantities of "lithium" batteries are uses together with copious amounts of acid. The cooking process creates extremely corrosive and pathogenic chemicals which can be absorbed cutaneoulsy and these are also a respiratory and inhalation hazard.

Following initial discovery and release by police the area must be secured and entry controlled to allow only properly trained and equipped personnel to enter... Drains and external burn pits may require additional investigation.

Following decontamination the property should be provided with independent inspection and surface swabs taken to confirm clearance.

The UK has seen an increase in the use and manufacture of crystal meth or "Methamphetamine" production from clandestine drug factories. These illicit factories often utilise unauthorised buildings and squats and the production or "cooking" results in highly toxic residue contamination. This contamination which often includes heavy metals, acids, base chemicals and various VOCs is recognised as a health hazard and may remain within the fabric of the building for years unless removed by effective decontamination.

Crystal Meth?

The chemical n-methyl-1-phenylpropan-2-amine is called methamphetamine, methyl amphetamine, or desoxyephedrine. The shortened name is simply 'meth'. When it is in its crystalline form, the drug is called crystal meth, ice, Tina, or Glass

Effects

The effects of methamphetamine are much longer lasting than the effects of cocaine, yet the cost is much the same. For that reason, methamphetamine is sometimes called the "poor man's cocaine."



How to spot a Meth Lab

These smells are indicative of a meth lab:

Urine - Ether - Strong chemical or fuel smell - Acetone.

Unusual Sights - These are visual signs symptomatic of a meth lab:

Blacked-out windows - People coming and going at all hours - Tremendous amounts of waste: cup's, duct tape, neon-stained coffee filters - Unusually high amount of clear glass containers - A meth-maker will use hundreds of pounds of cold tablets that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, Sudafed for instance, per batch. A large number of cold medicine packets is almost a dead giveaway - Meth heads may recycle copper, but not paper and plastic - Fuel and Heat containers

If You Find a Meth Lab

Do not touch anything in the lab area and do not sniff any containers, back out of the room to protect yourself, and call the police and fire brigade.

Do not turn any electrical power switches or light switches on or off. Do not open or move any of the containers with chemicals in them.

Whatever you do, do not smoke, eat or drink anywhere near a methamphetamine laboratory.

If you come in contact with a meth lab, you should seek medical attention.

Do not let anyone enter the scene until the police arrive (the scene is then handed over to them).

Do not disrupt the scene, you may ruin evidence that could convict the owner of the meth lab, or worse, injure yourself and others.

The Next Step

Cleaning up a meth lab is a dangerous and complicated process which should be handled by trained professionals (BRADI). Do not attempt to clean up or dispose of a suspected meth lab yourself.

Call BRADI who will be more than happy to give you down to earth advice and who can also provide you with a BRADI certified, meth lab decontamination company.

All companies are fully trained in all relevant processes obtaining to Meth Lab decontamination & remediation.

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BRADI have sourced international experts, manufacturers, institutes and associated bodies of learning to provide Europe's technicians and their clients with cutting edge solutions for the defence, control and decontamination of the built environment.

We also offer training and advice in:

Death & Trauma scene

Environmental cleans

Crystal Meth lab

Cannabis lab and illicit drug factory

Sewerage and flood biological contamination

Sanitation and odour destruction

Toxic Mould removal and prevention

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