

METHAMPHETAMINE



METH, SPEED, CHALK, GLASS, ICE, TWEEK, CRYSTAL, CRANK

It's all Methamphetamine, a powerfully addictive stimulant that dramatically affects the central nervous system and YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Meth is made from relatively inexpensive materials that can be purchased over the counter, but cleaning up the mess left behind costs taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars a year and many families never recover.

What Is Meth?

- Methamphetamine is a deadly and addictive drug that stimulates the central nervous system. The drug can easily be made in clandestine laboratories with supplies that can mostly be bought at the grocery store. These factors make methamphetamine a drug with high potential for widespread abuse. Methamphetamine comes in many forms and may be smoked, snorted, injected or eaten.
- It is a white, odorless, bitter tasting crystalline powder than can easily be dissolved in water or alcohol.

Identifying The Ingredients Used to Make Meth

The primary ingredient in most meth labs is Sudafed or generic cold tablets. These types of medications contain an ingredient called "Pseudo-ephedrine" which is broken down through several chemical reactions to produce methamphetamine. Some of the ingredients used to create these reactions include the following:

Epsom Salts, Ether, Coffee filters, Toluene/Paint Thinner, Freon, Acetone, Coleman Fuel, Starting Fluid, Anhydrous Ammonia, "Liquid Heet", Iodine (Red Devil Lye), Drano, plastic tubing, Muriatic Acid, Hydrochloric Acid, Battery Acid, Sulfuric Acid, Benzene, Lithium Batteries, Sodium Metal, Matchbooks, Rock Salt, Rubbing Alcohol, Red Phosphorous (often obtained from Matchbook striker plates)

While many of these ingredients could be found in any home, having several of these items in close proximity (whether in a storage building or a shopping cart) is a clear indication that someone may be attempting to make methamphetamine. If you become aware that several of these items are being used, transported, or gathered by any person or persons, you should immediately contact your local police department. If the person is purchasing or attempting to purchase many of these items, do not hesitate to call 911 so an officer can come immediately to the scene.

Other than actually seeing the ingredients, there are several signs to look for in detecting a meth lab:

- Unusual, strong chemical odors similar to that of fingernail polish remover.
 - Residences with windows blacked out.
 - Renters who pay their landlords in cash. (Most drug dealers trade exclusively in cash.)
 - Lots of traffic - people coming and going at unusual times. There may be little traffic during the day, but at night the activity increases dramatically.
 - Excessive trash including large amounts of items such as: antifreeze containers, drain cleaner, lantern fuel cans, red chemically stained coffee filters, batteries, drain cleaner and duct tape.
- Burn piles going at all hours.

If you detect these meth lab indicators, you should immediately call 911.

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