

**IF YOU  
SUSPECT A  
METH LAB:**

*Do not enter a site that you think might be cooking meth. Labs present extreme dangers from explosions and exposure to hazardous chemicals. Breathing the fumes, and handling substances, can cause injury and even death.*



Methamphetamine laboratory

*To report a suspicious drug lab:  
CALL BINTF at 538-2261 in  
South Butte County and 895-4244  
in South Butte County. Call 9-1-1 if  
it is an emergency.*



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**IS THERE  
METH IN  
MY  
NEIGHBOR-  
HOOD?**



*Learn the signs of an illegal  
methamphetamine operation  
in Butte County*

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## WHAT IS METH?

Methamphetamine (meth) is a powerful, highly toxic, addictive drug that is illegally “cooked” in make-shift labs.

Meth can be found in the form of pills, capsules, powder or chunks; it can be smoked, snorted,



Powder methamphetamine in pound packages

injected or eaten. Meth was developed from amphetamine, but has much stronger effects on the central nervous system. Meth is also called crank, speed, crystal, or ice.

## WARNING SIGNS OF LIVING NEAR A LAB

- Strong odor of solvents.
- Residences with windows blacked out.
- Iodine or chemical stained bathroom or kitchen fixtures.
- Renters who pay their landlord in cash.
- Increased activity, especially at night.
- Excessive trash.



## COMMON METH LAB SUPPLIES

- \*Plastic Tubing
- \*Mason Jars
- \*Propane tanks
- \*Camp stove fuel
- \*Empty pill bottles
- \*Ephedrine or pseudo ephedrine tablets
- \*Empty cans of toluene, alcohol, or paint thinner
- \*Ammonia
- \*Starter fluid
- \*Glass Containers
- \*Coffee filters with red stains
- \*Funnels
- \*Rock salt, iodine
- \*Lithium batteries
- \*Hydrogen peroxide



Discarded pseudoephedrine bottles

## HEALTH RISKS

Meth can cause long-term health effects including cancer, brain damage, birth defects, and miscarriages. It also can cause memory loss, heart problems, aggression, and violence.

Meth causes health problems not just for the users, but also for others who are unintentionally exposed to the chemical.

## HOW TO RECOGNIZE A METH LAB

Meth labs may be set up at campgrounds, rest areas, rental homes, motel rooms, abandoned cars, garbage, storage sheds, barns, vacant buildings, and homes.

A typical meth lab is a collection of chemical bottles, hoses, and pressurized cylinders. The cylinders can take many forms, from modified propane tanks to fire extinguishers, scuba tanks, and soda dispensers. The tanks contain anhydrous ammonia or hydrochloric acid—both highly poisonous and corrosive.

Labs are frequently abandoned, and the potentially explosive and very toxic chemicals are left behind. Chemicals may also be burned or dumped in woods along roads.



Meth lab found in a motel cabinet