

You, too, Can Work for a Drug Free America: Keep Anhydrous Ammonia Safe and Secure!

The Problem



Theft of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer for production of the illegal drug methamphetamine has reached alarming proportions in the last few years. Once most common in the West and Southwest, this powerful, highly

addictive nerve stimulant can be found throughout the Midwest and in virtually every metropolitan area of the country.

Also known as "speed," "crank," "chalk," and "zip," meth can be smoked, injected, snorted or taken orally. It produces an initial "high" which is difficult if not impossible for the user to repeat on subsequent occasions.

Meth is imported by drug traffickers or manufactured in small, clandestine laboratories using recipes involving precursor chemicals derived from various consumer products, including cold medicines, drain cleaners, battery acid and matches. The problem is magnified by the ease with which these materials can be purchased in retail stores. In one common technique called the "Nazi method," lithium extracted from batteries and anhydrous ammonia are used to convert ephedrine from over-the-counter cold remedies to make methamphetamine.

Curbing the Spread

Communities everywhere are attempting to curb the spread of this dangerous substance through increased law enforcement efforts, education and addiction treatment programs. The fertilizer industry is concerned with the devastating impact this illegal drug has on the moral fiber of our nation's communities and for this reason, we are working diligently to prevent theft of anhydrous ammonia.

