

Meth

According to the brochure for *Meth in Indiana*, Meth is a dangerous and powerfully addictive man-made stimulant which is manufactured in surreptitious labs. They use common household products and chemicals to produce this drug. It is trafficked from Mexico to many parts of the US; however, local production occurs in neighborhoods and communities in Indiana. It is a threat to our environment, our communities, our schools, and our families.

Properties used to produce meth may have containers of chemicals, strong smell (resembling urine or chemicals such as ether, ammonia, or acetone) or just suspicious signs of staining in the kitchen cooking area and/or sink. Other lab equipment, cooking or storage containers, or heat sources may also be present. Typically, the contractor removes the bulk of any lab-related debris such as chemicals and containers after a lab is discovered by law enforcement. However, small amounts of chemicals may have contaminated surfaces, drains, sinks, ventilation systems and absorbent materials (couches, carpets, beds etc.). The meth lab contaminants may pose serious health threats to persons exposed to them.

People can be exposed by breathing the air that may contain suspended contaminant particles as dust, by touching surfaces that are contaminated, by eating or drinking from glasses or dishes that have layers of contaminated grime, or by eating or smoking after their hands are in contact with contaminated areas. Furnace air filters and drains may also have contamination in them. Children should never be allowed into these areas until cleaning is finished.

If you suspect a home was used as a Meth Lab, get it tested for peace of mind!

Signs and Symptoms:

- ✓ Excessive excitation
- ✓ Irritability
- ✓ Anxiety
- ✓ Panic-paranoia
- ✓ Severe Depression
- ✓ Psychotic & Violent Behavior
- ✓ Visual, Auditory, and Tactile Hallucinations
- ✓ False Sense of Confidence and Power
- ✓ Compulsive Cleaning and Repetitively Sorting and Disassembling objects
- ✓ Extreme Wakefulness—sometimes or day and may be followed by long periods of sleep
- ✓ Run Down Appearance or Frequent Illnesses
- ✓ Decline in Personal Hygiene (very bad breath, rotting teeth, severe body odor)
- ✓ Unhealthy Complexion
- ✓ Injuries or a bruise with no reasonable explanation
- ✓ Increased respiration
- ✓ Welts on Skin known as “Meth Acne”
- ✓ Picking and Scratching at the Skin
- ✓ Loss of appetite and/or Severe Weight Loss
- ✓ Elevated Heart Rate and/or Body Temperature
- ✓ Insomnia, Chronic Fatigue or Tiredness
- ✓ Dilated Pupils
- ✓ Extreme Sweating

Suspicious Behavior In Your Neighborhood or Community:

- ✓ A strong smell resembling urine or chemicals such as ether, ammonia, or acetone
- ✓ Little traffic during the day, but a lot of activity at night—especially older, trashy vehicles
- ✓ Boarded or covered windows
- ✓ Residents never putting out their trash or excessive amount of trash including meth lab materials such as camping fuel containers, coffee filters with white or red residue, chemicals, duct tape, cold tablet “blister packs”
- ✓ Vehicles (particularly the truck) loaded with chemical containers or basic chemistry paraphernalia—glassware, rubber tubing, etc.
- ✓ Dying grass or plants in a particular area
- ✓ Secretiveness

For more information visit:

www.methfreeindiana.org

Or

Contact: 877-855- METH
Indiana Meth Watch Program

For more information on CLAN Lab addresses and statistics, visit IN.Gov:

<http://www.in.gov/meth/2371.htm>

<http://www.in.gov/meth/2330.htm>