

Dear Yamhill County Citizen,

As Sheriff of Yamhill County, I am very concerned about a crisis in our county called Methamphetamine. This brochure is designed to increase awareness of and involvement by citizens like you.

Though the challenges are immense, I am confident that we will prevail and bring this crisis under control. It will be done with more aggressive law enforcement, legislation, education, prevention, treatment and most importantly, citizen involvement.

I thank you for your commitment in helping keep Yamhill County a safe place to live, work, and raise our families.

Sheriff Jack Crabtree



WHAT TO DOCUMENT AND HOW TO REPORT INCIDENTS

If there is notable activity at a suspected meth house, you should document what you see. Note the date and time, provide vehicle descriptions (license plate number), the number and description of the people, the type of activity and when it ends. Remember to document exactly what you observe, not what you think is happening.

Once you have accumulated information to report, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Always call 911 if you believe someone is in danger or if there is a crime in progress being committed.

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCE GUIDE



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METH: WHAT IS IT?

Methamphetamine, CSA Schedule II, is a potent central nervous system stimulant. Meth is smoked, snorted, injected or administered orally. Users refer to meth as “crank,” “speed,” “crystal,” and “ice.” Signs of meth use include dilating pupils, sweating, dry mouth, flushed skin and tremors. Methamphetamine users may also exhibit aggressive and psychotic behavior, irritability, anxiety, paranoia and auditory hallucinations. There are also limitless long-term effects attributed to methamphetamine use including cardiac and neurological damage.

WHAT I NEED TO KNOW

Methamphetamine trafficking and production is dangerous, not only to the user, but to those around the production site. The reckless practices by untrained clandestine meth lab operators can result in explosions and fires that could injure and kill not only the lab operator and associates, but also innocent bystanders, neighbors, law enforcement officers and firefighters who come in contact with a lab. In addition to the dangers of meth labs, violence between drug dealers adds to the overall threat to any neighborhood or community.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

There are actions that you as a private citizen can take to ensure methamphetamine manufacturing is not occurring in your neighborhood. Drug dealers and methamphetamine manufacturers have common habits that are easily observed. If you observe any combination of these activities, report your concerns to your local police or sheriff's office immediately. Do not confront your neighbor with your suspicions or enter a suspected lab.

WHAT IS A CLANDESTINE LAB?

- A large amount of cold tablet containers that list Ephedrine or Pseudoephedrine ingredients.
- Jars containing clear liquid with a white or red colored solid on the bottom.
- Jars labeled as containing iodine or with dark, shiny, metallic purple crystals inside.
- Coffee filters containing a white, pasty substance, a dark red sludge, or small, shiny white crystals.
- Bottles labeled as containing Sulfuric, Muriatic or Hydrochloric acid.
- Bottles or jars with rubber tubing attached.
- Glass cookware or frying pans containing a powdery residue.
- An unusually large number of cans camp fuel, paint thinner, acetone, lye, and drain cleaners containing Muriatic acid.
- Large amounts of lithium batteries, especially ones that have been stripped.
- Soft silver or gray metallic ribbon (in chunk form) stored in oil or kerosene.
- Propane tanks with fittings that have turned blue.



SIGNS OF A METH LAB

Any single activity may or may not be sole proof that drug dealing or methamphetamine manufacturing is occurring. However, a combination of the following may be reason for concern:

- Frequent visitors at all times of the day or night.
- Activity at the house is usually at odd hours or late at night.
- Occupants appear unemployed, yet seem to have plenty of money and pay bills with cash.
- Extensive security at the home or signs that indicate “PRIVATE PROPERTY” or “BEWARE OF DOG,” fences, large shrubs, bushes and trees.
- Window blackened or curtains always drawn.
- Chemical odors coming from the house, garbage, or attached buildings.
- Garbage contains numerous bottles, containers and materials such as those displayed in this brochure.
- Occupants go outside the house to smoke cigarettes.
- Coffee filters, bed sheets, or other material stained from filtering red phosphorus or other chemicals.
- Evidence of chemical waste dumping (i.e., burn pits or dead spots in the yard.)