

Recognizing & Identifying

Meth Labs

Often discovered
during routine
law enforcement
activities...



Traffic Stops



Accident Scenes



House Fires



**30% of Meth Labs discovered because of fires
or explosions...**

Shoplifting?

- Tweakers often steal

- cold medicines
- coffee filters
- batteries
- matches
- bags
- flares
- red devil lye



Recognition and Identification

- Precursor Drug



Recognition and Identification

- Lithium Batteries or Sodium Metal



Recognition and Identification

- Making sodium metal



Recognition and Identification

- Using powdered iron from hand warmers instead of lithium or sodium metal
 - Look for large quantity and for strong magnets (car stereo speakers)



Recognition and Identification

- Ammonium Nitrate



Recognition and Identification

- Coffee filters or other filter-type devices
 - Pillow cases



Recognition and Identification

- Garden hose run into garages or kitchens (used for cooling condenser lines)
 - high water usage



Recognition and Identification

- **Funnels & Separation**



Recognition and Identification

- Scientific glassware or large quantity of mason jars and pyrex containers



Recognition and Identification



- Cooking devices: mantels, hot plates, camping stoves, fry daddies filled with cooking oil, pressure cookers

– High electrical usage



Ephedrine Press



Iodine



Recognition and Identification

- Improvised Containers for Ammonia



Recognition and Identification

- Chemical Protective Clothing & Masks



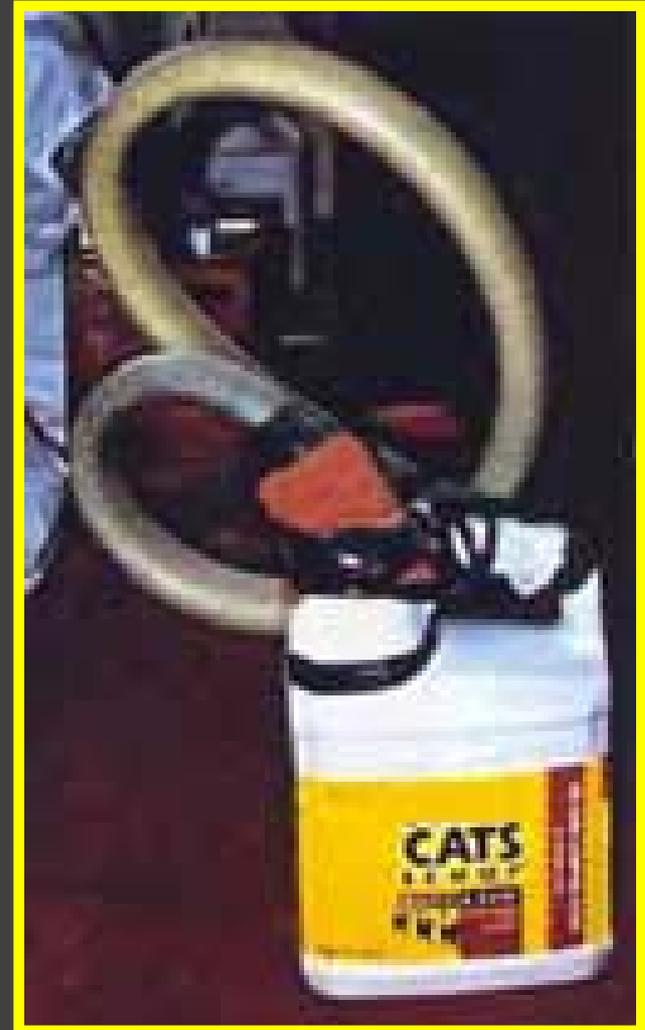
Recognition and Identification

- Red Phosphorous



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 - Improvised scrubbers



Recognition and Identification



- Signs of chemical dumping in bath tube or shower drains



Recognition and Identification

- Bottles of water and bags of ice



Where are they?

- Found in both Urban and Rural Locations
- Apartments
- Houses in “Nice” neighborhoods
- Motel rooms
- “Box” Labs
 - Portable
 - With generator can move and produce and the same time
 - Dump chemical waste onto highways
- Cooking parties

Meth Lab



Mexican Mafia

Runnymede St, East Palo Alto, CA 94303

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ZESTIMATE™: \$697,327 [\(What's this?\)](#)

Value Range: \$620,621 - \$767,060

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Bird's Eye View

Map View



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1 Year Value Change



Meth Lab



Meth Lab Trash and Waste



Lab Recovered from House Fire



Lab at Rental Property



Rolling One Pot Lab



Box Meth Lab



Meth Lab



Meth Lab



Lab?



Lab?



Lab?



Kalamazoo, MI



South Alabama



- This is coming into the country around Laredo, TX. It is being distributed from around San Antonio, TX. It has shown up in Tennessee and Kentucky. Each bottle, when boiled down, will produce 1 lb. of crystal meth. Usually located in suit cases with misc. clothes. When shaken, microscopic bubbles will float to the top. It is slightly thicker than normal alcohol. Seals may be cut and glued or not broken at all.



Where Can a Lab Be?

Anywhere!!!