

FDLE and DEA Strategy

In December of 2003 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Office of Drug Control entered into a partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration to implement a response plan for Florida's growing clandestine lab problem. The strategy is centered on seven regionally based teams of trained officers from federal, state and local agencies, specially trained and equipped to provide on-scene evaluation, investigation and removal of the highly toxic sites. All participating partners share the cost of implementing this strategy. It is through this cooperative agreement that response personnel are always available to combat this epidemic. A single telephone call anywhere in the state can mobilize the appropriate team members in the affected region.



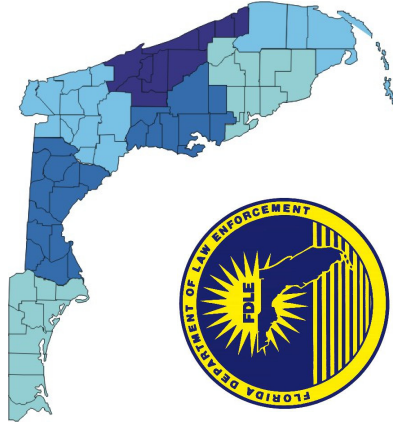
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Tallahassee 800-342-0820
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Tampa 800-226-1140
Orlando 800-226-8521
Ft. Myers 800-407-4880
Miami 800-226-3023

OR

Contact your nearest DEA Office:

Pensacola Field Office 850-469-9060
Panama City Field Office 850-913-2700
Tallahassee Field Office 850-942-8417
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Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratories in Florida

What You Should Know

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METH FACTS

Methamphetamine is a synthetic stimulant that is very potent and extremely addictive. It is manufactured in clandestine laboratories from easily obtained over-the-counter cold medications, which are converted into methamphetamine by a simple chemical process. This process uses powerful solvents and other hazardous chemicals. The risk of clandestine meth labs includes exposure to these chemicals, explosions and fires, and contamination of vehicles, land and structures.

The vast majority of methamphetamine available in Florida originates from "super-labs" in Mexico and the western United States. In recent years Florida has seen a rapid proliferation of small clandestine labs, many of which are located in rural areas. The detection, investigation and removal of these labs seriously taxes the resources of law enforcement, environmental and social service agencies.

CLEAN UP

Year	Labs	Clean-up Costs
2001	28	\$136,134.87
2002	131	\$615,038.57
2003	231	\$493,678.11
2004	319	\$744,328.96

Products Used in Methamphetamine Production

Material	Commercial Product	Hazard
Acetone	Paint thinner, nail polish remover	Flammable
Alcohol	Rubbing, methyl or isopropyl	Flammable
Anhydrous Ammonia	Fertilizer (liquefied-used on farms)	Burns
Ephedrine/Pseudoephedrine	Over-the-counter decongestant	Non-Haz
Ether	Engine starting fluid	Flammable
Hydrochloric Acid	Muriatic acid (Pool PH balancing)	Caustic Acid
Iodine	Iodine crystals, Tincture of Iodine	Irritant
Lithium	Batteries	Reacts/water
Petroleum distillates	Gasoline, kerosene, mineral sprits	Flammable
Red Phosphorus	Matchbook striker plates, road flares	Flammable
Sodium Chloride	Salt, table or rock	Non-Haz
Sodium Hydroxide	Lye	Corrosive B
Sulfuric Acid	Drain cleaner, battery acid	Corrosive A
Toluene	Brake cleaner	Flammable
Trichloroethane	Gun cleaner	Flammable

Equipment and Other Items Commonly Found in Meth Labs

Aluminum foil
Blenders
Cheesecloth
Clamps
Coffee filters
Funnels
Gasoline cans

Ice Chests
Jugs and bottles
Laboratory glassware
Measuring cups
Pails and buckets
Paper towels
Plastic storage containers

Propane cylinders
Rubber gloves
Rubber tubing
Strainers
Tape
Tempered glassware
Thermometer