

Roadside Cleanup: Beware of Meth Lab Waste

People make or "cook" the drug, **methamphetamine (meth)**, using legal, over-the-counter products. Many of these products are hazardous.

Labs and lab waste can be found in coolers, bins, and trash dumped along roadsides.



Do not touch, smell or examine items such as those listed here.

Call local law enforcement, by dialing **911**, if you suspect you have found materials used to make meth.

For further information about Meth or meth labs, see the MDH website at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/meth/ or call Minnesota Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health at (651)201-4899 or (888)657-3908.



Common cold pills or diet pills containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine
Muriatic acid in swimming pool, well, concrete, stone cleaner/etcher
Alcohol or methanol -"Heet" brand gasoline additive or rubbing alcohol)
Camp fuel or charcoal starter
Iodine crystals from liquid
Sodium hydroxide; sulfuric and hydrochloric acid -"Red Devil" lye and other drain cleaners
Red phosphorus -match books or sticks
Ether - engine starting fluid
Solvents - Acetone, Benzene, Toluene, Methyl Ethyl Ketone, Xylene
Lithium battery pieces
Table salt and rock salt
Glass baking dishes
Stained, used coffee filters
Rubber or plastic hosing
Duct tape
Contaminated Cat Litter bags and litter
Ammonium nitrate in chemical ice packs
Plastic Soda Bottle with brown or white residue
Anhydrous ammonia - in 20 lb. propane tanks, coolers or thermos bottles. The presence of anhydrous in propane tanks is indicated by bluish-green coloring of brass tank valves.

Blue Valve means Danger!



One-Pot or Shake & Bake Meth Labs

If found –

- do not touch
- place a cone or marker & notify MnDOT or after hours the MN Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798.



Hazard:

This is a portable method to make meth in which they usually drive around in their vehicle to “vent” the fumes.

When the process is complete, they toss the used container filled with toxic residue out the window.