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## The Truth About METH LABS

Isn't always plain to see or adequately disclosed prior to your purchase



Methamphetamine is the fastest growing drug problem that we are facing today. Meth is made in homemade, clandestine labs, using combinations of household chemicals that create highly toxic fumes and gasses, as well as create explosive atmospheres. Innocent people, including children, are often exposed to these fumes and gases.

Poisonous fumes and residue remains in the home long after the lab has been shut down. Residue can be found on surfaces throughout the house. Many times residue is also found inside refrigerators left behind by the previous owner.

Exposure to meth residues may cause symptoms similar to those experienced by meth users such as nose and throat irritation, headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion and breathing difficulties. Some VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) may cause cancer.

Your best defense is to have testing performed prior to your purchase and as part of your home inspection. Unless you know the exact history of the home for the past 10 years, we recommend meth lab testing be performed.

