

# Formula for Disaster **METHAMPHETAMINE**

## **WARNING:**

The Illegal Manufacturing of this  
Dangerous Drug puts everyone at Risk.

### **Danger:**

The activities and byproducts associated with the manufacturing of Methamphetamine are extremely dangerous and highly toxic. Clandestine cooking sites are prone to explosions, fires, and toxic waste contamination. Anyone coming into contact with a site can face serious injury, death, or health risks from collapsed lungs, burns, or other injuries associated with contamination or explosions. All of the ingredients used in the manufacture of Methamphetamine can be purchased at local stores. Individuals involved in the manufacture of Methamphetamine are prone to stealing the ingredients.

### **Common Ingredients:**

Stores may see an increase in the theft of the following items:

- Lithium batteries
- Lye products (Drano, Red Devil Lye, etc.)
- Muriatic Acid (concrete acid)
- Acetone (Camp fuel, gasoline additives, etc.)
- First aid cold packs
- Coffee filters



## **To report suspicious activities contact your local Law Enforcement Agency**

Suspicious activity would include individuals buying or stealing combinations of the above ingredients. There are legitimate uses for these items and reporting individuals buying or stealing these items does not mean they are manufacturing Methamphetamine.

### **To report a meth lab immediately call 911**

Authorities also warn owners and employees not to attempt to enter the site of a clandestine manufacturing operation, or try to detain anyone associated with the production of Methamphetamine. Instead, they should immediately call 911 or the nearest law enforcement agency. The dispatcher should be alerted to the fact that the location is a possible Methamphetamine site (so first responders can take the proper safety precautions upon arriving on the scene.)

Owners and employees should inconspicuously retain license plate numbers, subject and vehicle descriptions, and suspect identification information, if possible.

**Law Enforcement recommends that “easy to steal” items such as Lithium batteries are kept behind the counter, and if cameras are available, the ingredients used to manufacture Methamphetamine be kept under surveillance.**

Additional information regarding Methamphetamine Awareness in Vermont may be found at:  
<http://healthvermont.gov/adap/meth/meth.aspx>