Preventing Drug Labs on Property

Small changes can protect your investment

For more on drug related behaviors:
TOGETHER! Drug Prevention Organization
www.thurstontogether.org/resources/meth.htm

National Institute on Drug Abuse
www.drugabuse.gov

For more on signs of a drug lab:
The M Files: Meth & Marijuana Resource Tool
www.mfiles.org

If you suspect a drug lab on your property contact:
• Local Law Enforcement
• Anonymous Meth Hotline
  1-888-609-6384

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When drug criminals operate on rental property, owners pay a high price:

- Loss of rent
- Civil penalties
- Damaged property
- Decline in property values
- Dangerous, threatening tenants
- Resentful and angry neighbors

**FACTS**

- Over half of residential drug labs are found on rental property.
- Property owners are responsible for decontamination costs.

**Be Aware**

To Avoid Costly Damage

**Take Action**

To Protect Your Property

**At the time of rental application:**

- Ensure application is complete
- Conduct background check for:
  - Rental history
  - Employment history
  - Credit report
  - Criminal background
- Meet every adult moving into the unit and require picture identification
- Be aware of applicant's appearance and behaviors

**Regularly maintain your property:**

- Drive by the property
- Schedule visits with tenants
- Talk with neighbors