

## Preventing Diversion

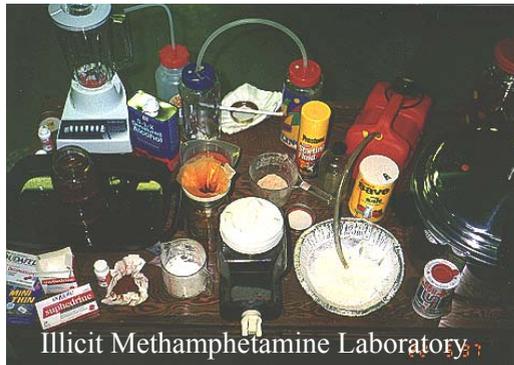
Involves the coordination and cooperation of law enforcement officials and retailers.

### Retail Prevention

- et Enforce Retail Thresholds
- et Set Cash Register "Blocks"
- et Post Signage in Break Rooms
- et Store Pseudoephedrine Stock Behind Counter
- et Perform Background Checks on Employees
- et Establish Education Programs for Employees
- et Limit Access to Excess Stocks

### Voluntary Initiatives

- et Establish a requirement whereby customers wishing to exceed a preset sale limit on pseudoephedrine products are required to sign a log book. The log book would require the purchaser to provide their name, address, and drivers license number. The preset sales limit cannot exceed the retail threshold.
- et Establish a working network with other local retailers and local law enforcement to quickly respond to reports of suspicious activity.
- et Establish and monitor a security surveillance system to monitor pseudoephedrine stock. Security cameras and mirrors are examples of devices which will deter theft and diversion.



# Attention Employees!

## Retail Thresholds

The Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act (MAPA) establishes thresholds for pseudoephedrine drug products at 9 gram single transactions with the package size not to exceed 3 grams.

Retail thresholds for 9 gram single transactions are as follows:

- 120 mg. Pseudoephedrine HCL = 92 tablets
- 60 mg. Pseudoephedrine HCL = 184 tablets
- 30 mg. Pseudoephedrine HCL = 367 tablets

Retail thresholds for 3 gram package size are as follows:

- 120 mg. Pseudoephedrine HCL = 31 tablets
- 60 mg. Pseudoephedrine HCL = 62 tablets
- 30 mg. Pseudoephedrine HCL = 123 tablets

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# ALERT

**Methamphetamine:  
Preventing the Retail  
Diversion of  
Pseudoephedrine**



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## Background

Methamphetamine (meth) is a highly addictive, synthetically produced central nervous system stimulant with effects similar to cocaine. Meth is the most prevalent synthetic drug manufactured in the United States and is easily produced in clandestine laboratories using common store-bought materials.

The ease of manufacturing meth and its highly addictive potential has caused the use of the drug to increase throughout the nation. The meth problem is located throughout almost every metropolitan area in the United States. Lab seizures in the United States have increased from 3,300 in 1997 to nearly 14,000 seizures in 2002.

Violence associated with meth trafficking is increasing. Law enforcement reports indicate that meth use is linked to child neglect, child and spousal abuse, sexual abuse, homicide, property crimes, and mail and check fraud. The manufacturing process of meth also poses a danger to society and the environment. For example, clandestine meth labs, during CY2002 caused 194 fires, 117 explosions, and 22 deaths. Chemicals from laboratory dump sites have been linked to the deaths of livestock, contaminated streams, and large areas of dead trees and vegetation. Federal taxpayers have also been affected with cleanup costs escalating from \$2 million in 1995 to \$23.8 million in 2002.

## Methamphetamine

### Street Names

Meth	Speed
Ice	Chalk
Crystal	Crank
Fire	Ice



Methamphetamine powder



Ice methamphetamine



Crystal methamphetamine

### Methods of Abuse

Smoked	Snorted
Injected	Orally Ingested

### Physical Effects Associated with Methamphetamine Use

- et Addiction
- et Death
- et Brain Damage
- et High Blood Pressure
- et Seizures
- et Skin Ulcers
- et Chronic Fatigue
- et Extreme Anorexia
- et Cardiac Arrest
- et Bad Teeth

#### 10 Years of Meth Use



(Due to High Risk Behavior)

- et Hepatitis
- et AIDS
- et Herpes
- et TB



## DEA's Goal

To combat the production and abuse of methamphetamine by preventing the diversion of over-the-counter pseudoephedrine products and other common household products that are utilized in the illicit manufacture of methamphetamine.

### Common Methods of Pseudoephedrine Diversion

- et Smurfing – multiple purchases at one location
- et Shelf-Sweeping – theft of all shelf stock
- et Shoplifting
- et Theft from wholesalers

### Common Ingredients Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Methamphetamine

- et Pseudoephedrine Products
- et Camping Fuel
- et Iodine
- et Matches
- et Coffee Filters
- et Rock Salt
- et Battery Acid
- et Pool Acid

