

Clandestine Drug Lab Decontamination



FRA, Clandestine Drug Lab Decontamination Experts

Resultant property damage from an illicit marijuana grow house or methamphetamine cooking/use in a property can wreak havoc on the structure and contents such as porous building materials, including carpet, plasterboard walls and fittings.

It is highly recommended that you do not attempt to clean up the property as it can be highly detrimental to your health, potentially causing respiratory problems due to the chemical contamination and toxic gases that may be present.

Methamphetamine Contamination

The chemical affects and degree of contamination of a clandestine drug lab cannot be determined by a visual inspection alone, as the chemical by products are easily absorbed into both structure and contents materials. Chemical sampling is the standard industry procedure created to determine the level of contamination which determines the required protocol for decontamination.

The waste and by-products that are produced from these illicit labs pose a health risk to anyone who occupies a dwelling that has been affected. Potential health risks and side effects from exposure can range from an acute reaction to more serious ailments like skin reactions, trouble breathing and impaired cognitive function.

Marijuana Grow House Contamination

The houses are typically outfitted with extensive hydroponic equipment to provide water, food, and light to the plants.

Significant damage to the property can occur because of extensive mould growth caused by the abundant supply of moisture.

Further damage occurs because of illegal electrical rewiring and holes created in walls and ceilings.

All contamination, both within structural materials and airborne, should be removed to return the indoor environment to a healthy status, suitable for reoccupation.

FRA will provide a comprehensive decontamination plan of action including:

- Independent third-party pretesting to

determine the scope of work required

- Removal and correct disposal of contaminated building materials and contents, in compliance with state regulations
- Decontamination services for the structure and contents
- Independent third-party post testing for clearance deeming the property habitable
- Coordination with your loss adjuster, insurance company, property manager, health officer or local council.

FRA's highly trained and skilled technicians follow the highest global standards for restoration, cleaning and decontamination. Firm certified by the IICRC (Institute for Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification), our technicians complete rigorous training to achieve certification.

What To Do if you Discover a Drug Lab

- Do not enter the property
- Call local authorities
- Contact your insurance company or your insurance broker
- Call FRA.

What Not To Do

- Do not attempt to clean the property yourself or hire an unqualified cleaner
- Do not allow anyone access to the property unless they are wearing the correct PPE
- Do not allow anyone access who has an underlying health issue
- Do not ignore the problem.

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