

Questions Asked by PROPERTY OWNERS

Q What happens now?

A The Health District determines whether or not the property is "unfit for use."

Q What does "unfit" mean?

A It means the property has to be cleaned up before it can be reused. Entry and use are prohibited.

Q What happens if the Health District designates my property "unfit for use"?

A You cannot occupy the property until further samples demonstrate the property has been cleaned up by a certified clean-up contractor.

Q How do I clean up the property?

A The first step is to determine if the property is contaminated above the state's clean-up threshold.

Samples should be taken and sent to a scientific laboratory. If the samples are below the threshold, the owner can clean up the property with soap and water.

Q What is the state clean-up threshold?

A The threshold is point one micro-grams per 100 square centimeters (0.1 $\mu\text{g}/100 \text{ cm}^2$).

Q Who will take samples?

A Check if your Health District is able to sample a drug lab site. Or, you can hire a certified clean-up contractor to do the sampling.

Q How much will this cost?

A A certified contractor will give you a bid on the cost of clean up. It usually ranges between \$1,500 - \$5,000.

Q How long will it take to get the property cleaned up?

A It usually takes 4 to 6 weeks for a contractor to clean up the property.

Q Will my homeowner's insurance cover the cost of clean up?

A It depends on your homeowner's policy. Contact your insurance agent right away.

Q Can I go back onto my property to get personal belongings?

A Yes, until the property has been determined "unfit for use" you may enter the property and retrieve personal belongings, at your own risk. Open windows and doors to increase ventilation and reduce the risk of inhaling dangerous fumes.

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Q How do I find a certified clean-up contractor?

A You can call the Health District or contact Carolyn Comeau with the Washington State Department of Health, Clandestine Drug Lab Program (360) 236-3381.

Or, download the CERTIFIED CONTRACTOR LIST from the Internet at:
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/CDL/CDLContractorList.htm>

Questions Asked by TENANTS & NEIGHBORS

Q Can I go in and get my belongings?

A Yes, but only after law enforcement officers have completed their investigation, and if the structure has not been declared "unfit for use." Be careful about exposure to

hazardous fumes. Open windows to increase ventilation.

Q Is what happened next door going to affect me?

A Probably not, but if you are concerned, talk to your doctor or the Health District.



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Meth Bust; Now What?

An illegal methamphetamine lab has been busted on or near your property. Here's what you need to know.

READ this before you enter the property!!

Be aware! This property may have residuals of hazardous and/or biological materials that could be harmful to your health such as:

- Poisons
- Corrosives
- Flammable liquids
- Used needles

Who can I talk to?

Your local Health District staff, see back of pamphlet.