

## Does My Building Really Need to be Cleaned Up?

The presence of Meth Labs has continued to rise throughout the United States. These Meth Labs have been identified in suburban houses, hotel rooms, department store bathrooms, apartments, college dorms, and in the run-down shacks of rural America.

Hazardous waste and residual debris, generated through the cooking process that has become readily available on the internet, contaminates the furnishings, interior surfaces, ventilation

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ducts, and the plumbing systems of these structures. Substances such as acids, caustics, solvents, and flammable materials pose a risk to those who enter these buildings. From proven research, it has been shown that these risks still exist even months after the Meth Lab has been shut down by local authorities.

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**Ohio Technical Services, Inc.** has decided to take the initiative and be on the forefront of the efforts to assist the public in the safe and environmentally-compliant cleaning of these problem areas.

## Contact Ohio Technical Services, Inc. For Your Cleanup Activities

### Trained Personnel

Ohio Technical Services, Inc. employees are fully trained, nationally certified, and state licensed employees.

### Knowledgeable Employees

The know-how and experience that Ohio Technical Services, Inc. has gained through the abatement of asbestos and lead; and the bioremediation of mold and mildew is "unmatched"!

### Equipment

Ohio Technical Services, Inc. has HEPA air filtration devices (AFD) available that will ensure a clean environment inside and out while the cleaning is undertaken.

### Commitment

Ohio Technical Services, Inc. believes in commitment to our clients. We pursue long-term relationships and provide superior full turn-key service, impeccable quality, and cost effectiveness!



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# Methamphetamine Laboratories



## Why Should You Clean After a Meth Lab is Shut Down?

Cleanup services by certified professionals who know how to protect building owners and future tenants!



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## Why the Cleanup of Meth Labs Needs to be Completed by Professionals

### Property Information

Contact the local law enforcement agency to confirm that a seizure of chemicals took place on the property, and to obtain information on what chemicals were present on the property.



Properties used to produce meth will usually be found with containers of chemicals, heat

sources, and various types of lab equipment. Although the bulk of the equipment and chemicals are removed by law officials, it is probable that contamination remains on counter and table surfaces, in absorbent materials (carpets, furniture), and in sinks, drains and the ventilation systems. These contaminants may pose health threats to the persons exposed to them.

Until a former meth lab is cleaned up, no one should enter the area without appropriate personal protective equipment. Furthermore, no one should rent, purchase or occupy a former meth lab property until cleanup has occurred.



## Human Health Concerns

Many of the contaminants present during meth's cooking process can be harmful to humans. These contaminants can cause health problems including respiratory (breathing) problems, skin and eye irritation, headaches, nausea and dizziness. Acute (short-term) exposures to high concentrations of some of these chemicals, can cause severe health problems including lung damage and burns to various parts of the body.

### Property Review by Professionals

The assessment of a property and the eventual clean-up of that property is not a job for the property owner, the local handyman, or the neighborhood house cleaning service company.

Competent and professional individuals who are versed on the dangers posed by the "cooking" of methamphetamines can properly enter and evaluate the level of contamination within a closed down meth lab.



The evaluation often will include a thorough review of the previous site activities, a visual inspection, testing of surface contaminants, testing of areas outside the immediate "cooking" area to determine the extent of contamination, development of a cleaning protocol, and the development of a post cleaning sampling plan.

## Professional Cleaning

The safest way to clean up a former meth lab is to hire an environmental company trained in the removal and clean-up of hazardous substances.

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Professionals who are accustomed to the applicable procedures, the necessary personnel protective equipment, the required air filtration equipment, and the crucial cleaning agents will respond with the appropriate measures to protect their personnel and the general public.

### Post Cleanup Testing

A property affected by the contaminants of a meth lab definitely needs to be evaluated and tested after cleanup efforts are completed. Sampling provides a peace of mind for property owners.

While cleanup criteria is not yet mandated in all states, most governmental agencies have recommended that all cleaned surfaces have no more than 0.5 micrograms of meth residue per 100 square centimeters. This level is the "standard of care" and it most often CANNOT be met with normal cleaning procedures.