

## For more on drug related behaviors:

TOGETHER! Drug Prevention Organization  
[www.thurstontogether.org](http://www.thurstontogether.org)

National Institute on Drug Abuse  
[www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)

## For more on signs of a drug lab:

The M Files: Meth & Marijuana Resource Tool  
[www.mfiles.org](http://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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# Preventing Drug Labs on **RENTAL** Property



*Small changes can protect your investment*

# Be Aware

## To Avoid Costly Damage

### FACTS

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

### 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.

# 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.