

# METHAMPHETAMINE

IN YOUR INDUSTRY



## WHAT IS CHEMICAL DIVERSION?

*Chemical diversion* is the transfer of precursors and essential chemicals from licit to illicit channels.

### EXAMPLES OF POPULAR PRECURSOR CHEMICALS INCLUDE:

- **SAFROLE**  
used in fragrances and flavouring in the licit market, and used to produce **MDMA** and **MDA** in the illicit market
- **EPHEDRINE**  
used within the supplement/health industry, and used to produce **methamphetamine**

THIS HAPPENS MORE THAN YOU THINK.

**CRIME**   
**STOPPERS**

### SEE THE SIGNS? MAKE THE CALL:

Know the indicators, and call Crime Stoppers if you suspect someone may be diverting chemicals.

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## RECOGNIZING SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS

### THE CUSTOMER MIGHT:

- pay cash for large purchases
- use a private house or PO box
- order chemicals that they likely don't need
- order irregular quantities
- refuse or be reluctant to supply a written order

USE YOUR DISCRETION!

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Crime Stoppers. We need your help.

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## KNOW YOUR PRECURSOR CHEMICALS

Employees within industries that sell precursors should be aware of their uses and be aware of suspicious transactions

### CLASS A PRECURSOR CHEMICALS:

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Acetic anhydride         | ▪ Lysergic acid                        |
| N-Acetylanthranilic acid | ▪ 3,4-Methylenedioxyphenyl-2-propanone |
| Anthranilic acid         | ▪ Norephedrine                         |
| Ephedrine                | ▪ Norephedrine hydrochloride           |
| Ephedrine hydrochloride  | ▪ Phenylacetic acid                    |
| Ephedrine sulfate        | ▪ 1-Phenyl-2-propanone                 |
| Ephedra                  | ▪ Piperidine                           |
| Ergometrine              | ▪ Piperonal                            |
| Ergotamine               | ▪ Potassium permanganate               |
| Gamma-butyrolactone      | ▪ Pseudoephedrine                      |
| Hydriodic acid           | ▪ Pseudoephedrine hydrochloride        |
| Hypophosphorus acid      | ▪ Pseudoephedrine sulfate              |
| Sodium Hypophosphite     | ▪ Red phosphorus                       |
| Isosafrole               | ▪ Safrole                              |
|                          | ▪ White phosphorus                     |

### CLASS B PRECURSOR CHEMICALS:

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Acetone           | ▪ Methyl ethyl ketone |
| Ethyl ether       | ▪ Sulfuric acid       |
| Hydrochloric acid | ▪ Toluene             |

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## EQUIPMENT USED IN SYNTHETIC DRUG PRODUCTION

Those involved in synthetic drug production may make purchases that seem suspicious. This could include bulk purchases of:

- aluminum foil
- cheesecloth
- compressed cylinders
- glassware & laboratory glassware
- pails and buckets
- plastic storage containers

DOES SOMETHING SEEM OFF? YOU COULD BE RIGHT.

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Report any suspicious transaction to  
Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous.

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