Preventing Drug Labs on Property

Small changes can protect your investment

For more on drug related behaviors:
TOGETHER! Drug Prevention Organization
www.thurston/together.org
National Institute on Drug Abuse
www.drugabuse.gov

For more on signs of a drug lab:
The M Files: Meth & Marijuana Resource Tool
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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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.