Unusual Security/Ventilation Measures:
- Alarm systems and large protective dogs.
- Baby room monitors being used outdoors.
- Video surveillance systems positioned to observe exterior of home.
- Elaborate fencing and heavy duty locks when it is not evident what is being secured.
- Numerous fans or industrial-type fans positioned to ventilate the home.

Additional Indicators of a Meth Lab:
- Numerous chemical containers, matchbooks with striker plates removed, abundance of cold tablet/diet pill containers.
- Reddish stained coffee filters, canning jars with multi-colored liquids, aquarium-type tubing used in bottles.
- Battery casings, crumpled/burnt foil.
- Windows blacked out or covered.
- People in and around meth manufacturing may exhibit respiratory irritation and/or chemical burns to skin.
- Continuous movement in and out of home.

If you suspect meth production, leave the home immediately and contact 911 and your supervisor.

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A flood of incoming children whose meth-addicted parents cannot care for them is straining state child-welfare systems. Complicating the problem is the fact that so many meth users live in rural areas, where social services are minimal.

Before You Go:
- Ensure that you have obtained as much information about your client as possible.
- If possible, canvas the area around the home’s address. Assess potential safety concerns and take precautions.
- Communicate your schedule and likely route to your supervisor. Notify your office of your arrival.
- Carry only your ID, a cell phone and/or pager, and keys.
- Wear a name badge if you have one, but don’t wear one around your neck. A clip on is best.

Upon Arrival:
- Park within direct sight of the home’s entry. Park in a well lit, unobstructed area. Don’t park in the driveway of the home.
- As you exit your car, be attentive to people in the area and any unsecured dogs.
- Keep your hands as free as possible. Do not be distracted by talking on a cell phone.
- Have “911” ready to push on your cell phone.

Amphetamine/ Methamphetamine Admissions to Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) Programs by Age SFY 2014

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Possible Meth Lab Activity:
Of the more than 30 chemicals that can be used in various combinations to “cook” meth, one-third of them are extremely toxic. For every pound of meth produced, about five pounds of highly toxic waste are generated. This creates a dangerous and formidable working environment for social workers who are frequently called to homes where meth is used to investigate a report of child abuse or neglect.

Indicators of Meth Use:
- Dilated pupils
- Restlessness/agitation
- Paranoia and hallucinations
- Hyperactivity and compulsiveness
- Aggressiveness and violent behavior
- Talkativeness
- Convulsions
- Increased sweating/body odor
- Uncontrollable movements (twitching, jerking, etc...)
- Picking at skin/hair
- Impaired speech
- Dry, itchy skin
- Premature aging
- Rotting teeth
- Low body weight
- Acne, sores
- Shadows under eyes
- Chain Smoking

Chemical Odors Associated with Meth Production:
- Ether-like: Aromatic, sweet odor often accompanied by a sweet taste. Sometimes described as a “hospital odor”. Nasal irritant.
- Solvent-like sweet odor from common solvents used in paint thinners, paint removers, adhesives, and cleaning fluids. Type of odor often found in an auto body shop. Eye and nasal irritant.
- Ammonia-like: An intense, sharp, irritating odor similar but much stronger than that from wet diapers, glass cleaners, cattle feed-lots or fertilizers. Eye and nasal irritant.