

<b>Title</b>	<b>Follow safe work practices during and after clandestine methamphetamine laboratory cleanup and remediation</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people in the cleaning industry who specialise in clandestine methamphetamine laboratory cleanup and remediation operations.</p> <p>People credited with this standard are able to follow safe work practices during and after clandestine methamphetamine laboratory cleanup and remediation.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Cleaning and Caretaking > Cleaning Skills
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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<b>Prerequisites</b>	Unit 7442, <i>Follow safe work practices in the cleaning industry</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
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## Guidance Information

- Competence demonstrated during assessment against this standard must comply with the requirements of:
  - Building Act 2004 (Subpart 6 sections 121-132);
  - Employment Relations Act 2000;
  - Health Act 1956;
  - Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992;
  - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
  - Land Transport Act 1998;
  - Resource Management Act 1991;
  - AS/NZS 1715:2009 *Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment*;
  - AS/NZS 2161.1: 2000 *Occupational protective gloves – Selection, use and maintenance*;
  - AS 4031-1992 *Non-reusable containers for the collection of sharp medical items used in health care*;
  - AS/NZS 4261:1994 *Reusable containers for the collection of sharp items used in human and animal medical applications*;
  - Code of Practice for Manual Handling*, Occupational Safety and Health, 2001;
  - Best practice guidelines for working at heights in New Zealand*, Occupational Safety and Health, 2012;
  - A Guide to Respiratory Protection*, Occupational Safety and Health, 1999;
  - Health and Safety Guidelines on the Cleanup of Contaminated Sites*, Occupational Safety and Health, 1994;

*Guidelines for the Remediation of Clandestine Methamphetamine Laboratory Sites*, Ministry of Health, 2010;

Territorial authority district plan rules or relevant bylaws concerning hazardous substances waste;

*Voluntary Guidelines for Methamphetamine Laboratory Cleanup*, United States Environmental Protection Agency, August 2009;

Personal protective equipment (PPE) programme specific to the site;

Site Specific Health and Safety Plan;

Work Plan (using information from site visits, the pre-remediation assessment and testing along with any remediation recommendations provided).

- 2 Equipment and cleaning agents must be used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- 3 **Definitions**  
*Industry best practice* refers to any enterprise and/or establishment requirements, practices, policy procedures, methods and protocols which are in accordance with applicable legislation, regulations and New Zealand Standards.  
*Bagged* means that contaminated waste, waste products, and hazardous waste are placed into a biohazard or non-biohazard bag, and sealed or wrapped and sealed. This bag is sent for destruction or disposal by a certified hazardous waste disposal facility or approved landfill.  
*Guidelines* for methamphetamine laboratory cleanup are available from the Building Services Contractors New Zealand Incorporated or the Ministry of Health.  
*Sharps* refer to potential health hazards to cleaners such as needles (contaminated or otherwise), ampoules, broken glass and any potentially skin penetrating objects.  
*An approved facility* is a certified hazardous waste disposal facility or approved landfill.
- 4 Clandestine methamphetamine laboratories may also be known as 'P' labs, meth labs, clan labs or CDLs (Clandestine Drug Labs).
- 5 Meth lab cleanups may also be known as 'remediation', 'removal and remediation' or 'decontamination'.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Follow safe work practices during and after clandestine methamphetamine laboratory cleanup and remediation.

### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Personal health hazards are identified and action is taken to minimise, isolate, or eliminate the hazard.
 

Range	hazardous substances, electrical hazards, makeshift/damaged structures, glass, sharps (contaminated or otherwise), contaminated waste, waste products, microbial contamination, temperature/humidity, immunisation (hepatitis A and B and tetanus).
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1.2 PPE suitable for the task being undertaken is selected and used at all times during cleaning operations.

Range heavy duty leather gloves, disposable rubber gloves, full face mask with appropriate cartridge filter, disposable chemical-resistant suit, disposable protective overboots, thick soled safety boots with steel caps, protective head wear (if required).

1.3 Personal hygiene techniques are carried out during and following all cleaning operations in accordance with industry best practice.

1.4 All disposable soiled and contaminated cleaning equipment is bagged or wrapped, labelled and sealed, and sent for destruction to an approved facility.

Range PPE, mop heads, cloths.

1.5 Contaminated waste and waste products and items are bagged or wrapped, labelled and sealed in accordance with industry best practice and regulatory requirements.

Range biohazard bags; non-biohazard bags or plastic wrapping.

1.6 Handling practices which ensure non-infection of the cleaner are followed at all times.

Range contaminated waste products, sharps, contaminated products and items, structural contamination, filter cartridges changed as per manufacturers' recommendations.

1.7 Transportation of hazardous waste is in accordance with Land Transport Act 1998, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and territorial authority or regional council plan rules.

1.8 Soiled solutions and contaminated waste are disposed of in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 and territorial authority or regional council plan rules.

**This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.**

**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

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