

Meth Lab Awareness

for

Adopt-A-Highway Groups

Adopt-a-Highway volunteers are
important to the quality of our
Colorado life –

YOU make a difference –

**DON'T LET ILLEGALLY DISPOSED OF
METH LAB WASTE**

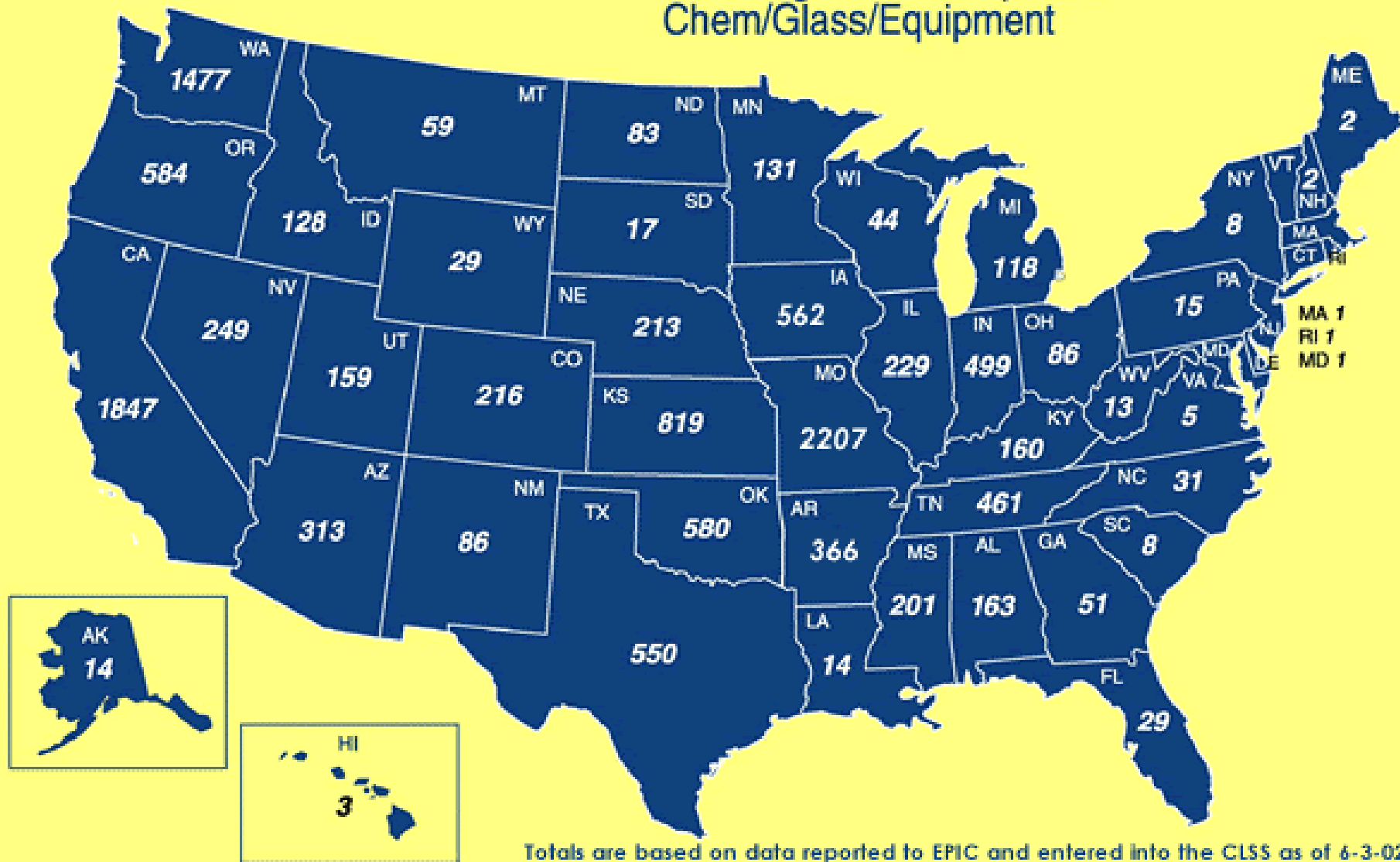
Threaten you or your groups safety!

Methamphetamine Waste

- Is a by-product of an Illegally created drug
- Is a physical hazard to humans
- Has been found on Roadsides and in Rest Areas
- Has been made to look like carelessly dumped trash

Total of All Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents

Including Labs, Dumpsites,
Chem/Glass/Equipment



Totals are based on data reported to EPIC and entered into the CLSS as of 6-3-02.
Total: 12,715 (46 states reporting). Dates: January 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001

Doesn't look like Meth Lab Waste . . .

But it is . . .



Pseudoephedrine Products in Cold Medicine and Diet Pills



If you or your group find numerous empty pill bottles and packaging – Don't touch, stop the pick-up, call for help!

These are some of the types of packaging you may find



Empty or Used Alcohol Products are Common



If you find containers of separated liquids of ANY color
Don't Touch, Stop the pick-up, Call for help



Some Meth Wastes resemble bottled & tossed urine or even windshield wiper fluids –

Don't Touch, Stop the Pick-up, Call for Help!



Unused Matches
W/out Striker
Plates

Washed
Striker
Plates

Blister Packs of
Suphedrine






Corroded propane tanks are VERY DANGEROUS!!

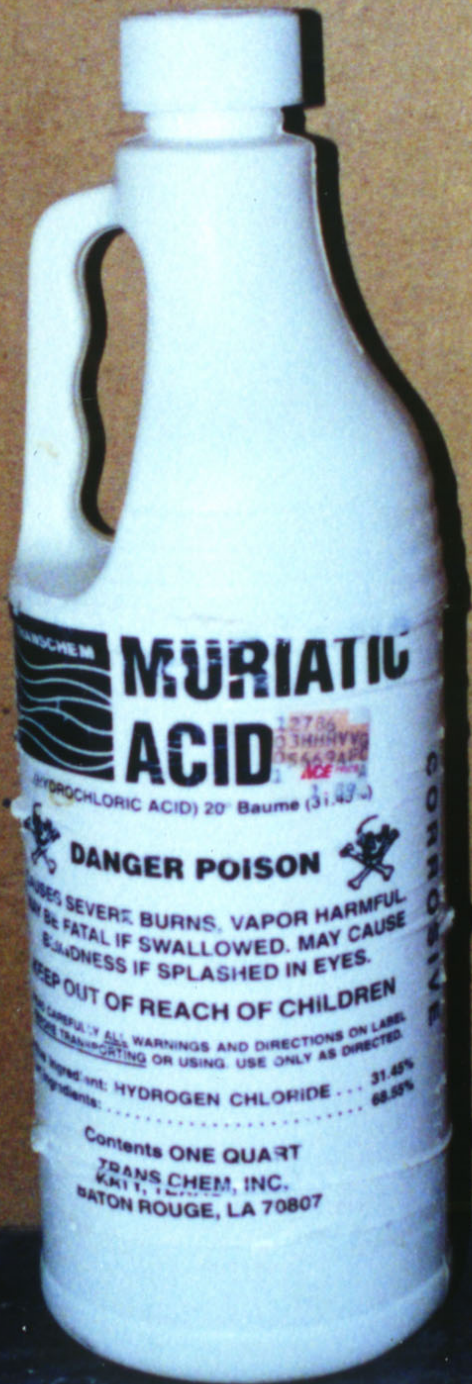
Blue discoloration means the tank is EXPLOSIVE!!



A photograph showing a grey propane tank with a yellow collar and a red valve. A black gas hose is connected to the tank and runs across the grass. Next to the tank is a red plastic bottle with a white cap and a white plastic jug. The scene is outdoors on grass.

Never touch a suspicious propane tank!

Battery acid from old car batteries and muriatic acid are used to manufacture illicit drugs.



Kitty litter bags are very common meth waste found along the highways. The kitty litter is commonly put back in the bag or in trash bags and sealed. They are known as “DEATH BAGS” because they contain deadly gases and fumes



TRASH BAGS FOUND
LAYING IN YOUR PICK-UP
AREA CAN BE EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS

BE CAREFUL!!

If in doubt –

Don't Touch,

Stop the Pick-up,

Call for help!



Do NOT touch anything put together or bundled up with duct tape



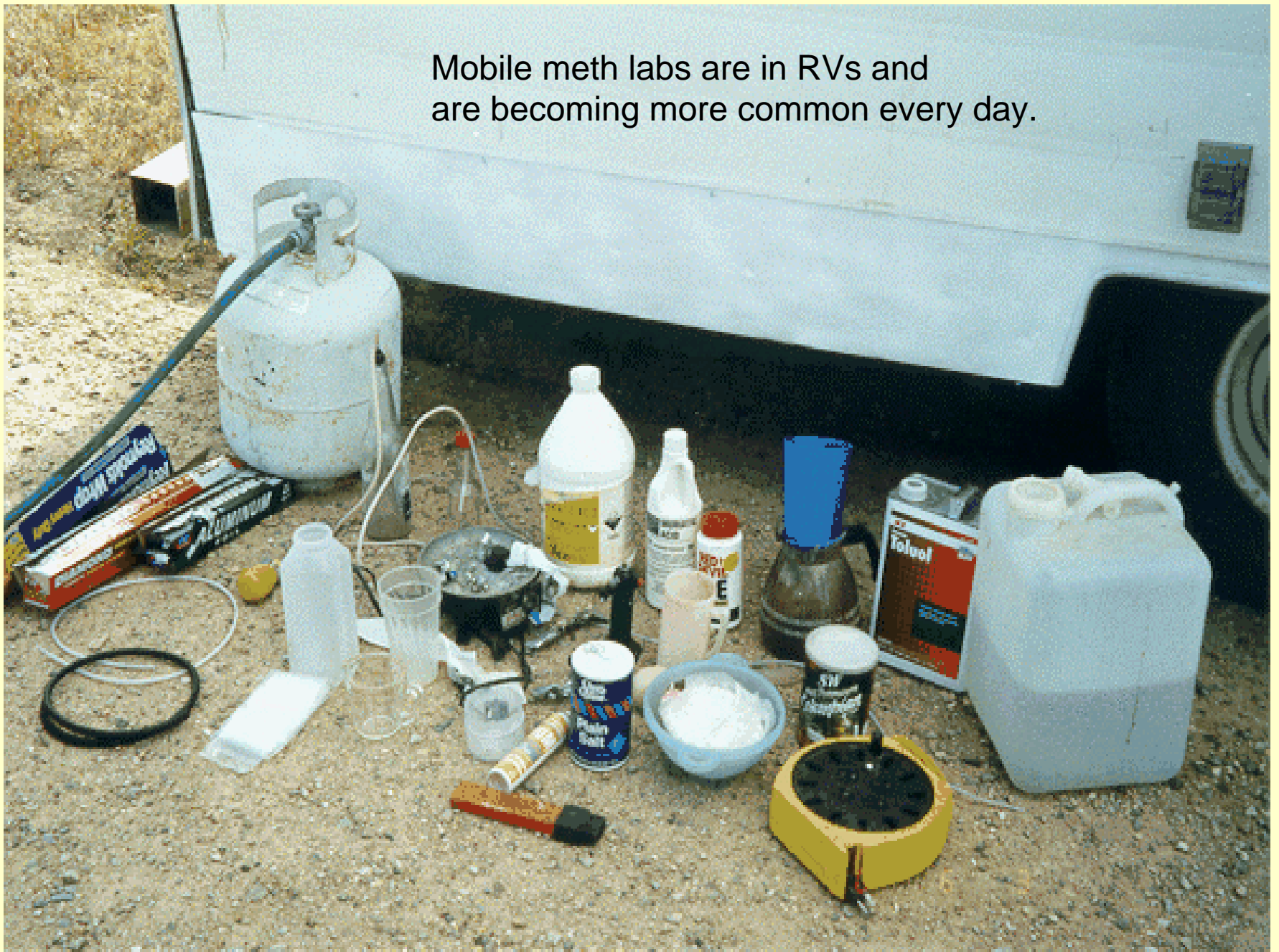
Containers with any type of tubing attached (usually with duct tape) are more than likely dangerous –
DON'T TOUCH THEM!!



Box labs can be found in tool boxes, coolers, or other convenient storage containers dumped by the roadside – they have been booby trapped in the past – BE VERY CAREFUL!!



Mobile meth labs are in RVs and are becoming more common every day.



If you or members of your group find questionable trash of any kind while performing your pick-up:

Don't Touch!

Stop the Pick-up!

Call for Help!

- Meth waste is serious and your safety comes first.
- Our thanks to the Colorado State Patrol & DEA who generously provided photos for this information program.
- Special thanks to Julia Horn from CDOT's Property Management Division
- Be Careful, Be Safe, Stay Alive!!