



**The Facts About
Clandestine
Drug Labs
Marihuana Grow Ops and
Related Activities**



Key Messages:

Marihuana grow ops and extraction processes to create hashish oil pose serious safety risks to everyone in the community, not just firefighters and other first responders.

To create the conditions needed by grow ops and extraction processes, houses, apartments and other buildings are altered and made unsafe in many ways:

- Electrical systems are rerouted in dangerous ways to steal vast amounts of electricity, resulting in risk of electrocution, fire and electrification of ground outside of the grow op and potentially harming neighbours, firefighters and other first responders.
- Holes are created in floors, walls, ceilings and roofs, and structural walls are removed. This presents a risk of structural collapse, causing severe property damage and devaluing the property.
- Irrigation systems with high humidity and heat are used, causing extensive toxic mould growth.
- Furnaces and hot water tanks are tampered with, creating a build up of carbon monoxide.
- Dangerous chemicals, pesticides, flammable liquids and gases are used, resulting in flash fires or explosions that put occupants and neighbours at risk.
- Hazardous chemicals are carelessly disposed of in household garbage and drains.
- Booby traps, guns and other weapons may be present posing an extreme risk to authorities or neighbours.

If you suspect a grow op, **DO NOT INVESTIGATE**. Call your local police department.



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Fact

Marihuana grow ops and extraction processes can devalue and deteriorate your community.

