Clandestine Drug Laboratory Indicators

From Outside
- Chemical odours, coming from the building, rubbish or detached buildings. The odour can be sweet, bitter, ammonia or solvent smells.
- Exhaust fans running at odd times
- Frequent visitors at odd hours
- Windows blackened out or curtains always drawn.
- People coming outside only to smoke.
- Occupants unfriendly, appear secretive about their activities, exhibit paranoid or odd behaviour.
- Expensive security and surveillance gear.
- Access denied to landlords, neighbours, other visitors.
- Rubbish containing a large amount of cold medication containers or packaging. Also bottles, plastic containers and boxes with labels removed.

From Inside
- Laboratory glassware, equipment and documents.
- Containers with clear liquids in them with a chalky coloured solid on the bottom or similar.
- Containers with two layered liquids in them one dark coloured layer and one clear or pale yellow layer.
- Used coffee filters containing either a white pasty or reddish brown substance.
- Baking dishes or similar containing white crystalline substance.
- The presence of hot plates near chemicals.

Actions that should be taken upon discovery
- Leave the area immediately your safety is paramount.
- Never touch, taste or smell any chemicals or equipment.
- Do not attempt to stop the chemical reaction.
- Do not turn any electrical devices such as lights or fans on or off. The simple act of turning on an electrical switch may cause an explosion.
- Do not shut off the water supply to the house or the chemical reaction.
- Do not smoke in or near a Clandestine Laboratory.
- Do not use tools, radios, cell-phones, torches or devices that produce sparks or friction.
- Contact the NZ Police.
- Do not re-enter the premises.

Clandestine Drug Laboratory Hazards
- Explosive: Can be unstable and/or sensitive to heat or shock.
- Flammable: Can ignite from any spark, flame or hot surface.
- Oxidising: Can react with contaminants. Spills may catch fire.
- Corrosive: Can burn skin or destroy eyesight.
- Toxic: Can poison by inhalation, ingestion or skin contact.
- Eco-toxic: Can harm plants animals and fish.
- Infections: Can cause adverse bodily reactions.
- Radioactive: Treat as toxic substance. Keep exposure to a minimum.

Exposure to chemicals found in Clandestine Laboratories can result in:
- Headaches
- Watery or burning eyes
- Nausea
- Burning skin
- Coughing or Choking
- Pain in diaphragm
- Feeling of coldness or weakness
- Shortness of breath / dizziness
- Decrease in cognitive function, vertigo, and convulsions.

Seek medical advice immediately if you experience any adverse effects linked to hazardous substance exposure.

Common Clan Lab Equipment, Materials & Chemicals

- Hydrochloric Acid (Corrosive Acid)
- Iodine – Irritant
- Heat Source
- Coffee Grinder
- pH test strips
- pH meters
- Coffee Filters
- Lithium Water Reactive
- Sodium Hydroxide Corrosive Base
- Baking Dish
- Red Phosphorus (Flammable)
- Distilled Water
- HCL Generators Corrosive Acid
- Rock Salt
- Cold Medicines
- Toluene Flammable
- Acetone Flammable
- Reaction vessels
- Parr bombs
- Steam Distillation
- Laboratory Glassware
- Separating Funnel
- Two Layered Liquids
- Hypophosphorous Acid (Corrosive Acid)
- Phosphorous Acid (Corrosive Acid)
- Imported Cold Medicines ContacNT
- Damp Rid Calcium Chloride
- Sulfuric Acid Corrosive Acid