

Explosive meth lab components are being found in the Denver Metro Area

The following is a breakdown of the four separate situations:

1. The MO is similar, break into a storage unit and remove the owners' property you want and leave large quantities of meth lab liquids behind. All waste is sealed, upright and carefully placed and packaged.



2. The liquids left behind are not the "typical" liquids found in Meth Labs. These new ones are very bright in color (purple, pink, burgundy, orange, yellow) and have the potential to be extremely unstable and explosive.

The following are examples of "typical" liquids found:



The following are the new colorful, unstable liquids:



3. What we know about these bright liquids:

- Iodine is present
- If Toluene or a solvent with a benzene ring is used as the organic (top) layer, Iodine is breaking bonds and creating Iodoxybenzoic Acid an unstable explosive compound.
- A reddish/burgundy color is indicative of the formation of Iodoxybenzoic Acid. The more Iodine, the darker the color.
- The explosion from this compound is a shock wave/impact explosion rather than a fireball.

4. If you encounter these new bright colored liquids, **do not touch anything, back out and contact your local Task Force or Fire/Hazmat Department.**

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