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Methamphetamine Alarms

This paper provides you with information regarding the option for Housing New Zealand to install methamphetamine alarms in our 67,000 properties across the country.

Methamphetamine Detectors

The manufacturer of methamphetamine detectors, MethMinder, states the detectors only pick up the gases emitted in the methamphetamine cooking process. Over the last few years, Housing New Zealand has placed greater focus on identifying homes where methamphetamine may be used, or may have been used in the past (rather than manufactured). It has become clear as Housing New Zealand understands more about the issue, that there is a greater prevalence of contamination due to methamphetamine smoking.

Other Projects

Housing New Zealand is about to begin a trial in the Auckland CBD where all vacant properties will be tested for methamphetamine.

Housing New Zealand is working with our paint suppliers, Dulux, on the possibility of producing paint that is resistant to the penetration of chemicals produced by methamphetamine.

Housing New Zealand has also approached the Building Research Association of New Zealand to ask if they can research various methods for the detection of, and protection from, methamphetamine contamination.

Housing New Zealand will continue to consider other options for both prevention and minimising the impact of contamination on our properties, along with feeding into work that Standards New Zealand is undertaking to provide agreed standards and protocols in this area.



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