

Methamphetamine – Update

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Business Alert for all staff.

The Methamphetamine Programme team has had a lot of feedback and questions about the current approach to the Standards we use to measure contamination.

Media and ‘experts’ are claiming we are ‘misapplying’ the standards (such as using the levels to evict tenants) and that it is an ‘expensive’ overreaction.

There has also been some internal ‘discussion’ around these standards’ guidelines/threshold levels, so we wanted to clarify the current situation for you.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) Guidelines are for 0.5 micrograms per 100 square centimetres. For now, these are the only standards we have to work to and, until we have new standards / threshold levels, we have to err on the side of caution to protect the health and wellbeing of our tenants. We cannot knowingly allow anyone to live in a property that has levels above MoH guidelines.

However, we are very keen to review these and we’re exploring options around this. We will keep you posted as we progress these conversations to ensure you’re all kept updated with the facts.

For more information / background read HNZ supports new meth standards committee. You can also email us at methenquiries@hnzc.co.nz.

Thanks all,

Your Methamphetamine Programme Team

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