

We're updating our methamphetamine decontamination policy and processes

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Business Alert for all staff.

We're currently updating our policy, processes, form letters, email templates and factsheets so that staff can easily and effectively apply the new Guideline. We'll send these out to you in the week beginning 5 December.

In the meantime, here's a brief overview of the new Guideline:

If ...	Then ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property is suspected of meth contamination from current or former meth manufacture (P Lab). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contamination level needs to be 0.5µg/100cm² or below to be considered safe • This is unchanged from the previous 2010 Ministry of Health Guideline.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property is suspected of meth contamination from current or former meth use, and • The carpet (and soft furnishings) remain in the property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contamination level needs to be 1.5µg/100cm² or below to be considered safe.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property is suspected of meth contamination from current or former meth use, and • The carpet (and soft furnishings) are removed from the property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contamination level needs to be 2.0µg/100cm² or below to be considered safe.

Because there is no official methamphetamine decontamination standard in New Zealand, the new (2016) Guideline is the best that we currently have available to work to. The previous (2010) Ministry of Health Guideline was used as a de facto standard by the property sector, so now it's been updated it makes sense to use the new one. We expect the New Zealand Standard to be available early next year – but until then we have decided to work to the new Guideline.

We intend to have updated policy and process documents, as well as supporting communications to help staff with their conversations with tenants, to everyone in the week beginning 5 December. However, if you have any questions in the meantime, please email them to the Methamphetamine Programme Team at methqueries@hnzc.co.nz.