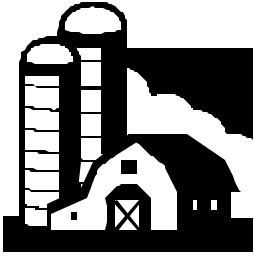


Discourage anhydrous ammonia theft at the farm



- ◆ Deliver tanks to the farm near the time of application
- ◆ Position delivered tanks where they can be seen from the road by patrolling police and passersby
- ◆ Encourage producers to return tanks immediately after use
- ◆ Inspect each nurse tank daily and notify law enforcement if it appears someone has tampered with a tank
- ◆ Empty tanks before storing for off-season
- ◆ Locate tanks in sight range of farm buildings

Need Additional Brochures?

Call the Bureau of Criminal Investigations at 701 328-5500 or 800-472-2185; or the North Dakota Insurance Department at 701 328-9600.

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Attorney General Wayne Stenejem &
Insurance Commissioner Jim Poolman



**To report an incident, contact
your local BCI field office:**

Bismarck ~ 701 328-5500
Devils Lake ~ 701 662-0725
Dickinson ~ 701 227-7420
Fargo ~ 701 239-7126
Grand Forks ~ 701 795-3820
Jamestown ~ 701 251-2993
Minot ~ 701 857-7613
Rugby ~ 701 776-2326
Stanton ~ 701 745-3258
Valley City ~ 701 845-8650
Wahpeton ~ 701 642-7811
Williston ~ 701 774-4310

Toll-free ~ 800-472-2185

**Or contact your local law
enforcement agency**

Anhydrous Ammonia Theft & the Illegal Drug Trade



What YOU need to know

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A new threat is lurking on the prairie—anhydrous ammonia theft. North Dakota agriculture depends on anhydrous ammonia as a major source of nitrogen fertilizer for the production of grains and other crops. But anhydrous ammonia doesn't just make for good yields—it makes methamphetamine, a powerful drug with a high potential for abuse and dependence. It kills, but you can do something about it.

What is ...?

Anhydrous ammonia is a nitrogen-based fertilizer product. With simple ingredients and an inexpensive, makeshift lab, it can be converted into ...



Methamphetamine, a powerful central nervous system stimulant. "Meth" is typically sold in powder, pill or rock form.



HIDTA is the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area project, an affiliation of six states that receive federal funding for personnel, operating expenses and equipment to combat the methamphetamine trade.

Something missing?



How do I know if I have had anhydrous ammonia stolen?

- ◆ Tracks in mud or snow
- ◆ Disturbed ground near tanks
- ◆ Suspicious items, such as duct tape or hoses, left near tank
- ◆ Circular pattern left in snow or dirt next to tank

What don't I do now?

- ◆ Don't disturb the crime scene
- ◆ Don't confront or approach suspicious individuals near anhydrous ammonia tanks



CAUTION: Thieves may be under the influence of methamphetamine and could become violent

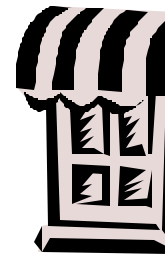
Then what?

Call one of the law enforcement offices listed on the back of this brochure.

What can I do about it?

Plenty. In the store or on the farm a few commonsense precautions can keep your tanks, and your children, safe.

Discourage anhydrous ammonia theft at the dealership



- ◆ Make employees and customers aware of the problem
- ◆ Store nurse tanks in well lit areas
- ◆ Inspect the tanks every morning, including weekends
- ◆ Block the dealership entry to prevent the physical theft of the tank
- ◆ Place brightly colored plastic wire ties or seals on the valve wheel and roll cage to ease visual checks
- ◆ Keep accurate records and perform frequent inventory checks
- ◆ Track stored nurse tanks by identification number; estimate the amount of remaining product
- ◆ Storage container shut-off valves **must** be locked when no-one is present*
- ◆ Work with local law enforcement on security; encourage frequent nighttime patrols
- ◆ Be alert to customers seeking to buy anhydrous ammonia who you know have no legitimate need for the product. If strangers attempt to buy anhydrous, note their physical description and that of their vehicle.



Contact local law enforcement

* See: N.D.C.C. 19-20.2-05(4)