

The Role of the Chemist in Clandestine Laboratory Investigations



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Abstract:

Clandestine methamphetamine laboratories have spread from a relatively localized problem in the early 1980's to a world-wide epidemic. They present significant hazards to property, individual health, community well being, and property. Complex multi-agency teams are involved in the investigation, possessing, cleanup, and prosecution of these laboratories. This seminar focuses on the role forensic chemists play in the investigation of clandestine laboratories and research taking place at Fresno State to support clandestine laboratory investigations.

Intended Audience / Background:

The material can be presented at a level appropriate for a general audience, but a basic understanding of introductory and organic chemistry is desirable.