



Drug house information

Drug house indicators

- A house or apartment having high levels of pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic at all hours
- Exchanges between individuals that appear to be drugs and money
- People appearing to be lookouts around homes or buildings

Alone, any of these activities or signs may not mean that drug dealing is occurring. However, some of them happening together may indicate a problem.

If there are other activities (e.g., noisy gatherings, housing violations, etc.), report those incidents as well. Your calls to 311 or 911 could help build evidence in an investigation.

Customers of drug houses often generate money through criminal activity other than drug dealing such as burglary, theft, or robbery. This also can have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

Things you can do about a drug house

- Call your precinct Community Response Team (CRT) to report suspected drug dealing activity and the exact address where it is occurring. Call 311 to obtain your precinct CRT phone number.
- Call or write to landlords regarding problems about their property and possibly set up a meeting with them. To obtain property owner information, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/propertyinfo/.
- Talk to your neighbors to learn their concerns, get their suggestions for strategies and solutions, and ask if they are willing to help.
- Have a problem-solving meeting and use your block club to build presence in the neighborhood.
- Discuss your strategies with your crime prevention specialist (CPS).
- Call 911 regarding disturbances at the property or when drug deals take place outside of the residence.
- CRT or your CPS may request additional information (e.g., license plates, descriptions of people and vehicle and behaviors observed, etc.).
- Call 311 to report housing violations around the property.

Shutting down a drug house

The following is a typical scenario when shutting down a drug house in Minneapolis:

1. **Making a complaint**—Information from neighbors may lead to a narcotics investigation being opened and a subsequent raid. This complaint can originate through the 911 system, a call to CRT, or to your crime prevention specialist. Call 911 if the dealing is occurring outside an address; call CRT if the activity is occurring inside and a pattern of the behavior has been established (time of day, weekends vs. weekdays, descriptions of vehicles and people involved). Call your CPS for further advice and information.
2. **Making a buy**—Once CRT is made aware of a problem address, they will attempt to make a buy at the address. Making a buy can be the most difficult step in the process. Despite repeated attempts, having an informant or undercover officer make a buy may take quite a while or may not be possible at all. If a successful buy is completed, the drug is then taken to a lab and analyzed to determine if it is a narcotic.
3. **Getting a search warrant**—After a buy is completed and the product is proven to be a narcotic, police will get an affidavit for a search warrant. The search warrant is then signed by a judge. Once CRT observes that the address is actively dealing, they will attempt to execute the warrant. Keep in mind that most information regarding narcotics arrests and search warrants is confidential.

Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police_outreach_safe-teams to locate your crime prevention specialist.

For further crime prevention resources, please visit www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention.



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