

Public *Accommodation* Facilities *Regulations*

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Appendix D:

Clandestine Drug Laboratory Clean Up Guidelines

*Serving Boulder City, Clark County, Henderson,
Las Vegas, Mesquite and North Las Vegas*



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Floors

Carpeting that has been contaminated by chemical or potentially biohazardous substances, including those generated by illegal drug manufacturing, processing, and storage, should be replaced unless appropriate quantitative chemical and microbiological testing of the contaminated carpeting indicates that the contamination has been removed to tolerable levels as indicated by the sampling organization. Contamination may include but not be limited to drug manufacturing reactants, drug precursors, intermediate and final products; chemical and biological agents recognized to cause illness or injury during a bioterrorism event such as *Bacillus anthracis*, *Yersinia pestis*, botulinum toxin, ricin toxin, sarin; hepatitis A and B; HIV, etc.

Floor coverings that are non-absorbent and easily cleanable may be decontaminated in lieu of replacement and an environmental evaluation is not required unless the floor covering is visibly stained. If thorough cleaning does not remove all visible contamination from a non-absorbent flooring material, the contaminated surface should be removed, properly disposed of and replaced.

Other Areas/Surfaces

Walls, ceilings, doors, and attached fixtures that have been contaminated by illegal drug manufacturing, processing, or storage; or other chemical or potentially biohazardous substances; should be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly. Contamination may include, but not be limited to, drug manufacturing reactants, drug precursors, intermediate and final products; chemical and biological agents recognized to cause illness or injury during a bioterrorism event such as *Bacillus anthracis*, *Yersinia pestis*, botulinum toxin, ricin toxin, sarin; etc. If thorough cleaning does not remove all detectible or visible contamination from an environmental surface, the contaminated surface should be removed, properly disposed of and replaced.

All clean-up activities and any pre and post clean-up environmental testing should be done *under the direction of* , but not necessarily by, a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), a Certified Environmental Manager (CEM), Certified Safety Professional (CSP), or a Nevada Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), or similar professional.

All environmental samples other than water should be sent to a laboratory that adheres to the EPA's standard laboratory methods, where applicable. Water samples should be sent to a State of Nevada certified laboratory, as outlined in the definition of "laboratory" in these Regulations.

A written report from the clean-up company stating that the guest room or facility involved in an incident has been cleared for occupation should be provided for the review of the Health Authority prior to reoccupation of the guest room or public area.