DO YOU SUSPECT ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

✓ Warning Signs of a Drug House
✓ Steps to Rid Your Neighborhood of a Drug House

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Warning Signs of a Drug House

- ☐ High Traffic: cars and pedestrians stopping for brief periods of time. Traffic may be cyclical; increasing at night or late at night. Traffic may be minimal for a few days and then intense for a few days, especially around pay days and the first of the month.
- ☐ Visitors appear to be acquaintances rather than friends.
- ☐ People bring valuables into the home, i.e., bikes, VCRs, cameras, etc., and leave empty handed.
- ☐ Visitors may sit in the car for a while after leaving the residence, or may leave one person in the car while the other visits.
- ☐ "Lookouts" are frequently younger people who tend to hang around the property during heavy traffic times.
- ☐ Obvious people exchanging small packets for cash, people using drugs in their cars, or any paraphernalia lying about in alleys or streets..
- ☐ Regular activity or commotion at extremely late hours, even on week nights (both cocaine and methamphetamine are stimulants and users tend to stay up late at night).

Steps to Rid Your Neighborhood of a Drug House

- ☐ Hold a neighborhood meeting to talk about the problem. **Do not** invite suspects. **Do** invite law enforcement.
- ☐ Many drug houses are rentals. Contact your local records department to locate the homeowner. Send them a letter saying that you will not put up with this activity.
- ☐ Have neighborhoods fill out the log sheet on the back of this flier, or designate one person in charge who others may contact.
- ☐ After you have recorded several entries on the log, contact the Nebraska State Patrol at 1-800-SIC-WEED. Tell them about your observations and ask what you should do with your log. Once you have given the information to law enforcement, ***be patient.*** Many drug investigations are undercover and you may not notice any action. Continue to record and report suspicious behavior every couple of weeks.
- ☐ The two keys to closing a drug house are persistence and patience. ***Don't give up!*** Many drug houses have been shut down through citizen input. You have the right to live in a safe environment. If we work together, we can clean up these problems.

1-800-SIC-WEED

HOUSE WATCH **Address of Suspicious Activity:** _____

DATE	TIME	STYLE/ MAKE OF CAR	COLOR/ YEAR OF CAR	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	REPEAT VISITOR	DESCRIPTION OF PERSON(S) (AGE/SEX/RACE/HEIGHT/WEIGHT/HAIR COLOR)	REPORTED TO:	DATE/ TIME