



Recognizing Drug Paraphernalia

To determine the presence of drugs in the house, you need to be alert to the following:

- Drugs can be kept and hidden in anything—plastic bags, boxes of any size, pill vials, over-the-counter medicine bottles, balloons, and condoms wrapped in foil or wax paper.
- A variety of heating implements may be used to heat the drug for injection or inhaling—lighters, matches, incense burners, or a or sterno.
- Many different objects can be used as filters for inhaling a drug—cotton, socks, gauze, fine mesh, nylon stockings, paper, felt, etc.
- Common household utensils may be used to dissolve the drug for use in injections—spoons, pots, pans, ashtrays, paper or plastic cups, glasses, and bowls.
- Numerous antiseptic products may be used for injections—hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, bleach, ammonia and other germicidal products.
- Many different things can be used to inhale drugs—pipes, crushed soda cans, water pipes, soft drink bottles, straws, and razor blades.
- Implements associated with injection include syringes, hypodermic needles, and tourniquets.