



## SELECTION OF DECONTAMINATION CONTRACTORS

Forensic & Industrial Science Ltd has a policy of not recommending a particular decontamination company. We are completely independent of decontamination contractors. We can however provide guidance to assist in selection of a suitable contractor.

The information below is not comprehensive and is intended for guidance only.

1. Ensure that the company is familiar with and follows the NZS 8510:2017 *Testing and decontamination of methamphetamine-contaminated properties*.
2. Ensure that the supervisor and site technicians have adequate experience and training.
3. Have they successfully decontaminated sites similar to yours (e.g. construction type, size, amount of methamphetamine contamination)?
4. Check what level of supervision the site technicians will receive. For example:
  - a) Will the supervisor carry out spot checks?
  - b) Will the supervisor undertake a full check of work prior to retesting?
5. Determine what level of planning will be undertaken prior to starting work at the site (e.g. assessment of PPE requirements, preparation of a full Scope of Work).
6. Confirm correct waste disposal practices will be carried out, for example a written certification that burial has been undertaken must be obtained.
7. Confirm that the company has adequate insurance cover (e.g. to cover accidental damage to the building, accidental damage to adjoining property, public liability).
8. Agree beforehand on acceptance criteria and a decontamination goal/s for the job (e.g. Council satisfied that premises are fit for habitation and levels of methamphetamine have been reduced to below the NZS 8510:2017 guideline).
9. Enquire whether the decontamination contractor intends to subcontract any (or all) of the work (e.g. to electricians, builders, other decontamination companies).
10. Ask what costs may be involved if the site fails post-decontamination testing and additional decontamination is needed.