

HARM REDUCTION

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METH IN LA COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS POPULATION

A GROWING PROBLEM

Meth use is becoming more common in LA County, and deaths involving meth are higher than any other drug in LA County. From 2008 to 2019, there were approximately 4,300 meth-related deaths in LA County, with a 66% rise in meth-related deaths from 2017 to 2019. From 2018-2019, more people died from meth overdoses than any other drug in LA County. And, meth is increasingly being found laced with fentanyl, a highly lethal opioid that significantly increases overdose risk.

According to a report released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) in December 2020, drug/alcohol overdose is currently the leading cause of death among **people experiencing homelessness (PEH)** in LA County. To reduce meth's harm among the PEH population, the LADPH adapted the MethFreeLACounty campaign with specific creative placed outdoors (Out Of Home) in areas with high meth-related overdose rates.

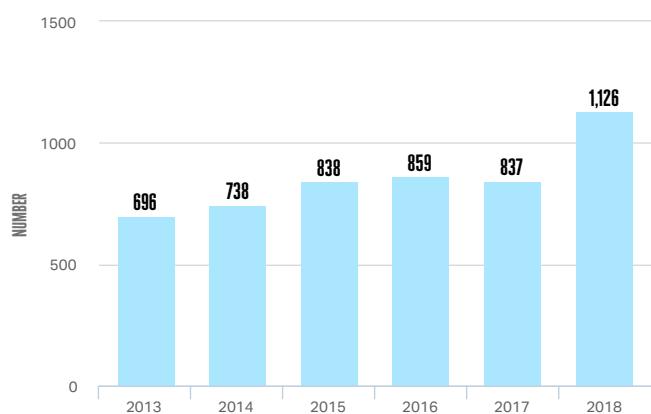
HOW TO GET HELP

If you, a loved one, or someone you know needs treatment for methamphetamine use, we can help! Call the Substance Abuse Service Helpline anytime, toll-free, 24/7 at 1-844-804-7500.

When you call, we will ask you questions about your methamphetamine and other drug or alcohol use. This will help you decide if you need treatment and help lead you to a provider that meets your specific needs.

FIGURE 1. DEATHS TESTING POSITIVE FOR METHAMPHETAMINE, LAC

Source: NDEWS



SAMPLE OUT OF HOME (OOH) CONTENT

BILLBOARD: ENGLISH

HEADLINE: Turn the Page on Meth

SUBHEAD: Find Services Right for You at MethFreeLACounty.org / 1-844-804-7500



BILLBOARD: SPANISH

HEADLINE: Dale la vuelta a la página. Protégete del daño del cristal.

SUBHEAD: Conoce cómo reducir el daño en NoCristalCondadoLA.org / 1-844-804-7500



SAMPLE OUT OF HOME (OOH) CONTENT

BUS SHELTER: ENGLISH

HEADLINE: Turn the Page on Meth

SUBHEAD: Visit MethFreeLACounty.org or Call 1-844-804-7500 to Find Services That Are Right for You.

BODY COPY: No matter your story, we want to help you find your ending to meth addiction. We can provide tools to protect yourself from overdose, education on ways to reduce harm, and even free and low cost treatment plans.

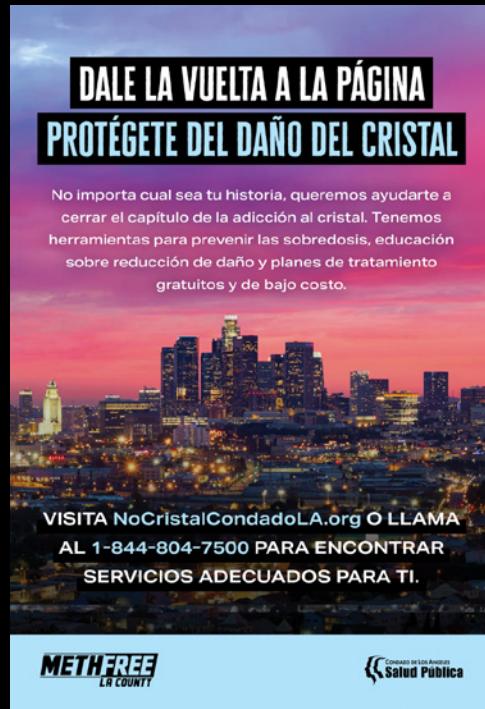


BUS SHELTER: SPANISH

HEADLINE: Dale la vuelta a la página. Protégete del daño del cristal.

SUBHEAD: Visita NoCristalCondadoLA.org o llama al 1-844-804-7500 para encontrar servicios adecuados para ti.

BODY COPY: No importa cual sea tu historia, queremos ayudarte a cerrar el capítulo de la adicción al cristal. Tenemos herramientas para prevenir las sobredosis, educación sobre reducción de daño y planes de tratamiento gratuitos y de bajo costo.



SAMPLE OUT OF HOME (OOH) CONTENT

BUS BENCH: ENGLISH

HEADLINE: Turn the Page on Meth

SUBHEAD: Protect Yourself From Overdose

BODY COPY: Find Services Right for You at MethFreeLACounty.org / 1-844-804-7500



BUS BENCH: SPANISH

HEADLINE: Dale la vuelta a la página

SUBHEAD: Protégete de una sobredosis de cristal

BODY COPY: Encuentra servicios adecuados para ti en
NoCristalCondadoLA.org / 1-844-804-7500



SAMPLE OUT OF HOME (OOH) CONTENT

POSTCARD: ENGLISH

SIDE A HEADLINE: Turn the Page on Meth

SIDE A SUBHEAD: Visit **MethFreeLACounty.org** or call **1-844-804-7500** to find services that are right for you.

SIDE B HEADLINE: If you are using meth, **take steps to keep yourself as healthy and safe as possible**

SIDE B BODY COPY:

- **Use clean needles** (if slamming/injecting). Clean needles are available at most retail pharmacies or see below for locations.*
- **Use your own pipe** to determine the amount before using.
- **Set limits** about how much and for how long you will use.
- **Have a 'buddy' system.** This is where you and a friend look out for each other and keep each other safe, try not to use while you're alone.
- **Don't mix meth with other drugs** (including alcohol).
- **Prevent an overdose by carrying naloxone.** See below for locations.*
- **Test meth** for fentanyl by using fentanyl strips. See below for locations.*
- **Be safe-sex ready** (condoms and water-based lube).
- **Do not drive.** Meth affects your ability to drive safely.
- **Don't hesitate to call 911, if needed.** First responders are trained on how to give naloxone.
- **Feel protected by the Good Samaritan Law.** If you need to call 911, the Good Samaritan Law helps protect you from drug charges when you call for help.

*For locations, scan the QR code or visit **MethFreeLACounty.org**. Call **1-844-804-7500** to find services that are right for you.

TURN THE PAGE ON METH



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LA COUNTY**

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**SCAN FOR INFO ON
HOW TO LOWER RISK**

A QR code is located next to the "SCAN FOR INFO ON HOW TO LOWER RISK" text.

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SIDE B HEADLINE: Si estás usando cristal, **toma medidas para mantenerte lo más saludable y seguro posible**

SIDE B BODY COPY:

- **Usa jeringas limpias** (en caso de inyectar). Las jeringas limpias están disponibles en la mayoría de las farmacias o consulte a continuación para las ubicaciones.*
- **Usa tu propia pipa** para determinar la cantidad antes de usar.
- **Pon límites** de cuánto vas a usar y por cuánto tiempo.
- **Ten un sistema de compañeros.** Este es donde tú y un amigo se cuidan el uno al otro y se mantienen seguros. Intenta no usar si estás solo.
- **No mezcles el cristal con otras drogas** (incluyendo el alcohol).
- **Evita una sobredosis teniendo contigo naloxona.** Ve abajo para ubicaciones.*
- **Hazle pruebas de fentanilo a las drogas** (cristal) con el uso de tiras de fentanilo. Ve abajo para ubicaciones.*
- **Estar listo para el sexo seguro** (condones y lubricantes a base de agua).
- **No manejes.** La metanfetamina afecta tu capacidad para conducir con seguridad. También va en contra de la ley.
- **No dudes en llamar al 911, si es necesario.** El personal de primeros auxilios está capacitado para administrar naloxona.
- **La ley del buen samaritano te protege.** Si necesitas llamar al 911, no te preocupes por meterte en problemas. La ley del buen samaritano protege a quien llama y a quien recibe ayuda.

*Para ver las ubicaciones, escanea el código QR o visita **NoCristalCondadoLA.org**.

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