

## **Meth Cases on the Rise Again**

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### **This year is shaping up to be the worst ever for meth in Kentucky**

According to drug enforcement agents, so far this year... the number of meth labs discovered and destroyed is on pace to be triple the what was found just two years ago.

In 2005, legislation made it more difficult for meth cooks to buy the core ingredient, pseudoephedrine, but that only put a dent in the problem for awhile.

Agents say meth makers have gotten smarter about how they are buying materials.



They are also making it in smaller batches . . . making it harder for law enforcement to detect.

"Our numbers are probably a lot higher than what we are actually seeing because it's that much easier to dispose of this stuff - the waste - and get by with it," says Dave Keller with the Appalachian HIDTA.

The people trying to fight meth use say they hope the state adopts the same tactic as Oregon. There pseudoephedrine is a scheduled drug, meaning you can't buy it over the counter and need a doctor's prescription to get it.