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### What is BHO?

- ❖ Used in Edibles or smoked alone
- ❖ Stems, leaves & stalks (sometimes buds) are ground up and placed in a PVC, glass, or aluminum tube
- ❖ Butane gas is passed through the tube and strips the resins (nearly pure THC) from the cannabis
- ❖ As the butane passes through the tube the THC resin & butane run out the bottom
- ❖ The THC resin and butane are then heated under flame to evaporate the butane from the resin

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### Lab Dangers

This February, firefighters in Humboldt Bay declared that they will not enter suspected hash lab fires due to their danger.

"Firefighters who have responded to these types of incidents report high-intensity fires which are difficult to extinguish. ... Because the blasts displace load-bearing walls, foundations and roofs, and because of the risk of secondary explosions with butane tanks and other flammable detritus, the department will no longer send firefighters inside to fight fires suspected to have started because of hash labs."

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### BHO Hazards

- ❖ Butane is odorless, colorless, and heavier than air
- ❖ Butane is a highly flammable gas and the canisters are compressed & pressurized
- ❖ If exposed to flame, the canisters are hand sized fire grenades and most scenes have hundreds of cans
- ❖ Butane seeps into low lying areas, like basements where there are pilot flames

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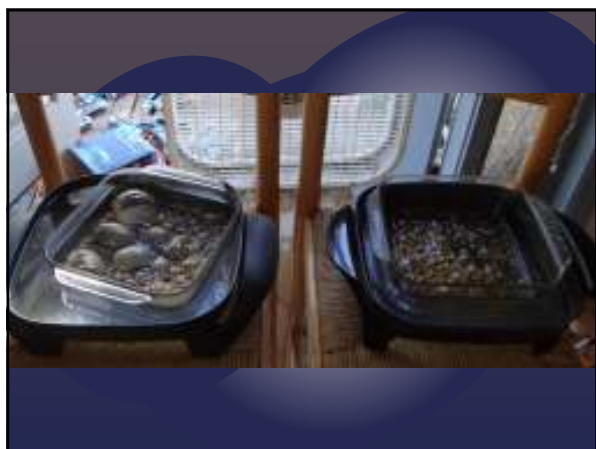
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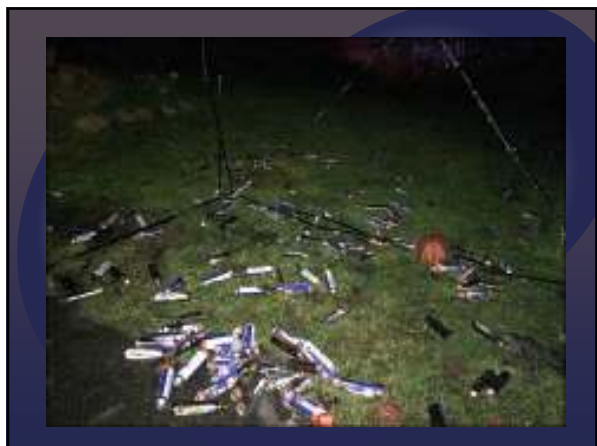
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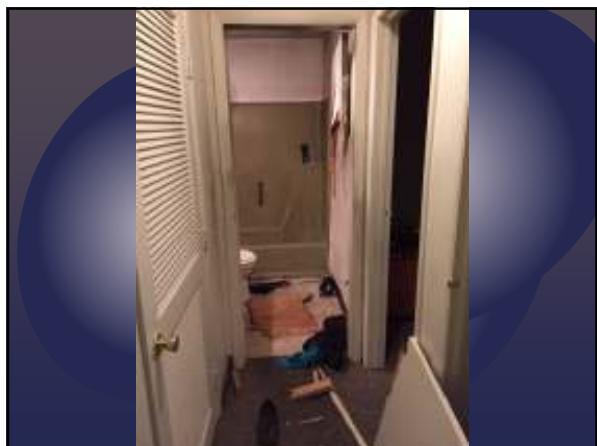
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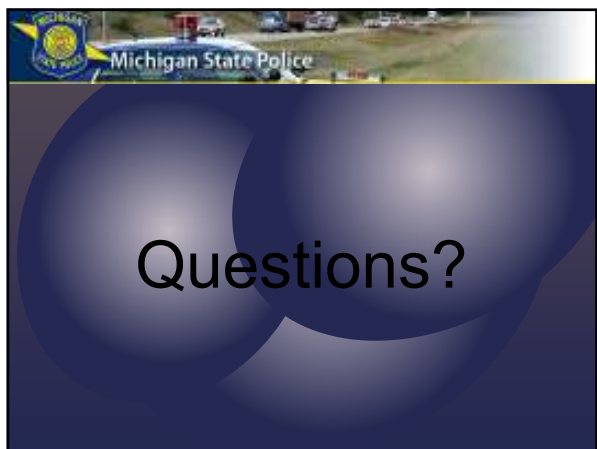
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