

CURRENT DRUG TRENDS - DAB

What is DAB?

DAB goes by several street names: Budder, wax, shatter, oil, butane hash oil “bho”
710 – flip that over spells “OIL”

DAB is an almost pure THC concentrate made by stripping the dried marijuana buds of their THC and making a sticky paste of the pure THC extract.

HOW IS DAB MADE?

The process of making DAB is pretty simple and only takes a few household items to make. These extraction labs can be very dangerous though, due to them being highly flammable and explosive in nature.

The basic concept of making DAB is to place dried marijuana into a tube of sorts, (PVC, glass tubing is most common). On the bottom of that tube you either will find a coffee filter(s) or holes drilled into a PVC cap. On the top of the tube one small hole is made where the person can then introduce butane. The butane is used to strip the dry marijuana of the THC and turn it into a liquid form that can then be filtered out the bottom of the tube into a pan. The most commonly found catch pan is going to be a glass cooking pan. The butane now in a liquid and gas form with the THC in it, is then placed on a heating element (stove top, skillet, burner of sorts.) SEE THE PROBLEM HERE J!!!! Heat is introduced to boil/burn off the butane and you are left with a dark to clear brown sticky residue in the bottom of the pan. That left over product is the almost pure THC from the plant. At that point the DAB (pure THC) can then be used just like marijuana, but with a “high” that is much stronger than just smoking marijuana.

So we can see the biggest issue with an extraction lab is obviously to the burn off of the butane. Depending on the size of the operation and how much butane they are using to strip the plants of their THC, size of the room they are in, ventilation in the room, ect... Any type of open spark at that time can make a huge explosion if the circumstances are right. There are multiple case documented cases now where persons have blown up their houses, and have ultimately died or killed persons inside the home due to severe burns over their bodies.

THC extraction labs have gotten more sophisticated with time, and they now have very elaborate “closed loop” labs where the butane is trapped on the burn off and recycled back through. These types of labs are very costly and most likely will only be found on very large scale operations.

More FACTS

DAB can have THC purity levels into the 90% range depending on how refined the process is. Compare that to a THC level of TOP SHELF HIGH GRADE Marijuana reaching maybe 20% THC levels if that.

It takes about 6-10 lbs of marijuana to make about 1 lb of DAB.

DAB is commonly found hidden in a freezer to keep it from sticking to everything it comes in contact with. It is usually found in wax paper, or in small rubber containers.

Currently prices for DAB is anywhere from 60-100 dollars/ gram.

The more pure and refined the DAB is, the more light brown and almost see through it will be.

HOW IT IS CHARGED

An extraction lab is charged as a clandestine lab, due to the wording in the code book as purification and chemical processing of any substance. 58-37d-3(b)(iv) Also make sure you read 58-37d-4 and 58-37d-5. If someone is in possession of Lab products and/or they actually go through with making the products. It can be charged as a 1st degree felony. If the proper elements are in place the courts cannot give probation on it and they cannot plea to a lower category of offense.

Thanks for reading, hope this helps you guys out on the street. If you come across anything that looks like a LAB or DAB and you have questions call either one of us. If we can help out we will.

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