

How To Spot A Drug Dealer Next Door —

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You never see them at the neighborhood get togethers. You don't know what they do for a living, but judging by their designer clothing and that shiny new Cadillac in their driveway, they must be doing pretty well for themselves. And on top of that, your neighbors just seem shady. You feel anxious every single time you step outside of your home, and you're starting to hate it.

If you suspect that your neighbors are deep into drug dealing, you might not be crazy. Drug dens don't always look like dilapidated old houses with needles and burnouts strewn on the walkway. They can look like an ordinary apartment or even a regular house with perfectly manicured grass.

It's scary to suspect that you live right next to drug dealers. Here are a few signs that can tell you if you should trust your gut.

1) Constant Day And Night Foot Traffic

Boy, it sure seems like your neighbor is popular. Several times a day (and sometimes even at night), they'll get a new visitor who only stays for a couple minutes, then leaves. Unfortunately, that's a massive sign that your neighbor is engaged in illicit activity. If your neighbor's front door sees a steady stream of people constantly looking over their shoulder, they probably aren't there to borrow a cup of sugar.

If you also notice a truck swing by to make pick ups or drop off boxes on a regular basis, that's an extra reason to be suspicious. A drug operation can require a regular influx of supplies. And if they're savvy businesspeople in addition to being dealers, those outgoing deliveries might be a drug delivery headed out of town.

2) Weird Smells

They might try to cover it up. But any large amount of drugs will leave a distinct odor. If you walk by their house or apartment and notice the unmistakable aroma of harsh chemicals or fertilizer, that's a big warning sign. Unless they

are a chemistry major or just happen to love growing tomatoes indoors, that's probably the smell of the raw ingredients to make drugs like methamphetamine.

3) They Come And Go At Odd Times

Your neighbors obviously don't have a regular, 9-to-5, Monday through Friday kind of job. Actually, their schedule seems downright erratic. There might be a week or longer where they don't even leave the house. Then they'll be gone for a few days. They might be seen leaving and coming back to the house several times on a Sunday. If you can't make sense of their schedule, it might be because drug dealers have poor time management skills.

4) All The Windows Are Blocked Off

You might suspect that your neighbors are vampires based on how much they hate sunlight. All of their windows have thick curtains that are always pulled shut. And they never, ever open them, even if it's a perfectly sunny day out. If they seem to be overly concerned about their privacy, it may be because they want to conceal their illegal activities.

5) Elaborate Security System

There's nothing wrong with protecting your home, but they seem especially paranoid. There's the extra-high fence all along the perimeter of their property. Then there are the two easily excitable guard dogs. Then there's the metal bars bolted to every window. If they're unusually security-minded, it might be because they're worried about fellow dealers stealing their stash.

6) The Lights Are Always On

You can't really see past the curtains. But you do notice that they seem to have lights on all night, every night. They may not be concerned about their energy bill because they might have turned their living room into a marijuana grow room. Those lights you see may be indoor lamps that allow them to grow massive plants without having to rely on a single ray of natural sunlight.

And these places are not limited to towns / cities . They exist in the rural areas too!