

BLOODSTAIN EVIDENCE COLLECTION

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SWABS | SPATTER | PACKAGING



POSSIBLE SPATTER?

01

Photograph stain(s) before handling.

Include a scale in all photographs.

02

Provide mid-range and close-up photographs of the area(s) of staining.

★ Adequate photographs are essential in spatter cases.

03

After all possible spatter stains have been documented/photographed, proceed with sample collection (see left).

SWABBING RBS

Always use a sterile swab or Cap-Shure® swab to collect evidence!

For wet stains: Use a swab to absorb a portion of the stain and AIR DRY the swab before packaging.

For dry stains: Wet a swab with one drop of sterile water and continue as above.

Package swabs in separate swab boxes and/or envelopes.

Do NOT swab RBS on clothing! Submit entire item to lab.

WEAPONS PACKAGING

ALL firearms and knives (even ones that fold) must be zip-tied into a box (knife box, gun box, etc.)

Do NOT place zip ties through the trigger guard of any firearm

All firearms **MUST** be rendered safe before submission to the lab

If a firearm cannot be made safe before submission, label the gun box "unsafe" and notify the lab as soon as possible