



Syringe Handling Guide

Syringes are potentially hazardous evidence and caution must be taken when handling.

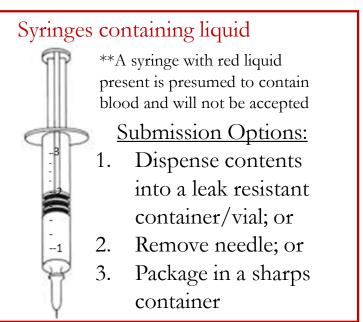
Empty syringes with the plunger pushed down



**Considered a <u>residue</u> and only accepted if no other evidence available

Submission Options:

- 1. Remove needle; or
- 2. Rinse Syringe (see instructions below)



Guidelines for Syringe Rinsing



Products shown above: CVS 91% Isopropyl Alcohol 16 fl. ounces Screw-cap Vials: Fisher Scientific (03-338A or 03-377B)

In order to analyze residue left in a syringe, a rinsing can be obtained. Use \sim 91% isopropyl alcohol, also known as rubbing alcohol, which can be purchased at most grocery stores.

- 1) Approximately 2 mL of isopropyl alcohol should be poured into a vial.
- Draw up this liquid into the syringe and inject back into the vial. Repeat this action three or four times but do not add more isopropyl alcohol, as this will further dilute any controlled substance(s) present.
- Cap the vial, package and seal for BCI evidence submission. Describe the vial as "syringe rinsing" on your agency submission sheet.

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